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African proverb

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Mosaic Youth Choir came to Wooster to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

PHOTO BY ERIC BAKKEN

SGA helps extend weight room hours

JAMIE MAPES

Ad hoc committee reports were the focus of last night's SGA meeting with both the housing and weight room committees giving updates. Weight room chair Ryan Dansak '00 reported on his meeting with Physical Education Director Bob Malekoff. The housing chairs presented a letter they intended to send to Associate Dean of Students Carolyn Buxton.

The housing letter summarized the results of a survey sent out last semester, including the need for soap and paper towels in each bathroom. A list of dorms perceived to be substandard by students was also given, along with reasons students cited in the survey. After discussion of grammatical errors in the letter, the Senate passed the motion to send the letter to Buxton. Chairs Molly Finger '99 and Mayura James '99 intend to send the letter as soon as possible.

Dansak then reported on the weight room. "After meeting with

Bob Malekoff, he has agreed to extend exam hours and keep the weight room open until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday," said Dansak. The weight room was previously open until 9 p.m. and the new hours will go into effect as soon as people can be found to work.

The discussion with Malekoff also yielded the news that renovations were in the works for the weight room. "The goal is to have renovations done by the first day of school next semester," said Dansak. "The plans are not definite yet, though. They still need to see if funds are available."

President Pat Watts '99 brought up the possibility of earlier hours. Dansak responded that he would look into it, but did not think it was feasible. "I really don't think there would be enough people to make it worth the effort," said Dansak.

With no new business before them, SGA adjourned. Next week funding meetings will take place Wednesday and Thursday in Scovel.

Second annual Communication Week to begin Monday

JAMES ALLARDICE

For the second year in a row, the Department of Communication is sponsoring Communication Week, starting this Monday.

"Our intention is to bring the nature of the discipline to public attention," said Rod Korba, chairman of the Department of Communication.

"We hope that students will reflect on the discipline itself. It is an opportunity for us to offer some services to the community."

Many of the services offered are led by students who "have excelled in the classroom," Korba said.

All week long there will be free

hearing screening in Lowry from 12 to 1 p.m. sponsored by the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association.

All three of the current department faculty members, and about 30 to 35 students, have been involved in organizing the week.

"There are about 15 students who have been key in putting things together," communications Professor Michelle Johnson said. "Including the bowl-a-thon, there are an additional 20 students involved."

The bowl-a-thon will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 5 at Scot Lanes. It will benefit People-to-People Ministries and is sponsored by NSSLHA, Lambda Pi Eta (the

national communication honor society), the Communication Club and the Department of Communications.

A key component of the week is the Alumni Forum which will feature three Wooster alumni who majored in communication.

"The Alumni Forum was a resounding success last year," Korba said. "There was a lot of student interest and robust dialogue." The Forum will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday in Lean Lecture Hall.

The participants in the Forum are Michele Johnson '71, a speech pathologist at the Franklin County Educational Service Center in Columbus, Sean Mishne '90, who is a stockbroker at Cowen and Company

in Cleveland, and Stephen Page '93 is completing his Ph.D. in motor behavior at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

"The presenters will talk about themselves and their careers and then open it up to questions," Johnson said.

"It gives students the opportunity to see different occupational routes they can choose from and give people a chance to see what you can do with a communication major."

The final component of the week is the Public Speaking Workshop which will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday in Lowry Room 119. This workshop is put together by Lambda Pi Eta and the

Communication Club.

"Last year the turn-out for the Public Speaking Workshop was less than we had hoped, so this year we are opening it up more to the community," Korba said. "Hopefully people can use this to polish their public speaking skills." The workshop will include a presentation by several students and then "hands-on instruction."

Korba said that the first Communication Week was a success, and he expects another prosperous week. "This year the format is the same," Korba said.

"We have strengthened the coordination of the activities, and I think that will allow for even more success."

THE FINE PRINT

✓ The Thompson-Foss lecture will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Lean Lecture Hall. Greg Bayer and Kristina von Held.

✓ Jim Sire will give a lecture on "Jesus: The Best Argument for the Existence of God," in Lean Lecture Hall at 7 p.m.

✓ Communication Week runs Monday through Friday.

✓ The Great Decisions Lecture Wednesday will focus on "Faces of Cuba." Photojournalist Steve Cagan will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Lean Lecture Hall.

✓ "America's Obsession with God: A Geography of Spirituality," will be discussed by Richard Bell in Lean Lecture Hall on Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. as part of the Clergy Academy of Religion.

✓ The Scot Symphonic Band will give a concert Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in McGaw.

✓ Monday is Ground Hog's Day. Prayers for spring will be accepted.

News Briefs

NATIONAL

• This past week, President Bill Clinton has faced the worst scandal of his six years in office. Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is currently investigating allegations that Clinton lied in his deposition at the Paula Jones sexual harassment trial about not having an affair with one of his White House interns, Monica Lewinsky, and, furthermore, tried to influence Lewinsky to lie as well. These allegations come mainly from a series of taped conversations between Lewinsky and a friend, Linda Tripp. According to Lewinsky's story, she began an affair with Clinton in December 1995, which lasted until April 1996, when Deputy Chief of Staff Evelyn Lieberman became nervous about the relationship and had her shipped over to the Pentagon. There, Tripp, a former White House secretary who has made allegations of Clinton's misconduct before, befriended Lewinsky and began to secretly tape record their conversations. Upon being subpoenaed for the Paula Jones trial, Lewinsky, on the tapes, claims to have been sent by Clinton to his friend, Washington power broker Vernon Jordan. Jordan allegedly told her that in return for lying at the Paula Jones trial, she would be set up with a lawyer, and afterwards, a job in a public relation firm. After hearing this, Tripp sent the tapes to Starr, who quickly got permission from a federal three-judge panel to investigate the matter. If Clinton is found guilty of perjury, suborning perjury (getting someone to perjure), conspiracy to suborn perjury, or obstruction of justice — charges that are all being investigated by Starr — he could possibly be impeached.

• According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Pentagon broke federal rules in giving an experimental encephalitis vaccine on American soldiers stationed in Bosnia. The issue of whether the Pentagon has followed FDA rules in the use of experimental drugs on soldiers arises from claims that during the Gulf War, soldiers were not informed that two drugs taken to protect against chemical and biological weapons were experimental, and that strict health records were not maintained to document any side-effects. The Pentagon agreed that they had broken FDA rules in the Gulf War, then broke them again in Bosnia, citing that the vaccine had been used in Europe for years, but was not FDA approved because the form of encephalitis prevented is not present in the United States.

INTERNATIONAL

• An attack by the United States on Iraq may be weeks away. U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright left yesterday for Europe to talk with British, French and Russian foreign ministers about last-minute diplomatic solutions to the stand-off with Iraq. At the same time, Defense Secretary William Cohen is considering traveling to the Persian Gulf to confer with leaders there about a possible military strike. President Clinton claims to have made no final decision about whether to use military force or not, but the United States has warned Iraq that it could be a possible response to Iraqi blocking of U.N. inspectors from eliminating Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, one of the terms agreed to after the Gulf War.

• Tuesday, 23 Hindus were killed by masked gunmen in India's state of Jammu and Kashmir. The killings occurred at Ganderbal, a village 17 miles from Srinagar, the state's summer capital. An Indian army spokesman has claimed that the gunmen were "Ten to 12 foreign militants supported by some local militants." The state's chief minister, Farooq Abdullah, claimed that the attack was conducted by Pakistan to create tension during before the Lok Sabha elections and that it was a great setback in the India-Pakistan peace process. Jammu and Kashmir, which is currently two-thirds ruled by India and one-thirds ruled by Pakistan, has been the subject of two wars between India and Pakistan since their independence from Britain 51 years ago. The state is currently home to about a dozen militant groups, and police and hospitals claim that more than 250,000 people have been killed during the region's eight-year-old rebellion.

compiled by Brian J. McFillen with information from "CNN Online"

Distribution changes discussed

SANDRA KOZERA

Members of the Educational Policy Committee met with concerned students Tuesday to discuss distribution and general education requirements at the College. The EPC, which meets weekly, is composed of six elected faculty, three senior administrators, and two student representatives. At the open discussion which took place, the EPC members and assembled students discussed a sophomore-level seminar, a diversity requirement, the current system of distribution and the religious studies requirement.

The idea of a requirement on the sophomore level was discussed. The EPC debated a course which would, according to History Chair Alphine Jefferson, "connect First-Year Seminar with Junior and Senior IS [and] we're fishing around for an appropriate hook" to connect the two. In the sophomore year, students could take a writing-intensive course in their proposed major. This class could either count toward the major or, if the student decides to major in something different, toward distribution. The class would not be optional but rather flexible; this way, students could maneuver it with regards to study abroad. As Jefferson said, students can then take their "sophomore year to explore." Terry Heubert '98 noted that students at Wooster generally do write more than students at other colleges, but the amount of writing per student frequently varies widely.

Additionally, the group talked about a diversity requirement. Leah Montesano '98 reminded the group of



PHOTO BY ERIC BAKKEN

Terry Heubert '98 and Ben Mizer '99 discuss distribution.

the suggestion at last semester's meeting about certain courses that would be "flagged" as classes which explore themes of diversity. Catherine Swartz '98 noted that it would "be hard to get out of this college without taking one of these courses," regardless of whether or not they were flagged. One problem that arose with this requirement among the students present was the idea that such an issue must be forced upon the student body and that the rest of the campus would not like to see a diversity requirement.

The current system of distribution, in which two classes in one field and one in another are required for graduation, received some attention. In the past, according to Figge, this system was enacted in order to provide "depth ... and a greater experience of that field of study." There is logic behind this system, Figge noted, but in reality it does not

seem to function this way. Ben Mizer '99 agreed, saying that he would like to take a geology class, but because of his other science distribution classes he is locked into other fields.

Finally, the group expounded on the religious studies requirement. Several students had horrible experiences with large classes and uncooperative professors, while others enjoyed the experience.

Caitlin Pine '00 noted that she enjoyed her class, but that it was so large that she had to sit at the front in order to participate at all. Some people suggested that the religious studies requirement be combined with the philosophy department, so that students could elect to take a class in either one department or the other.

All students are welcome to attend EPC meetings; to find out about future meetings and developments contact Montesano at extension 3132.

CC talks smoking tickets

DAN SHORTRIDGE

Campus Council continued discussion of the campus smoking policy begun several weeks ago at its Tuesday meeting. After a ten-minute wait, a quorum was reached when Associate Dean of Students Carolyn Buxton arrived.

Council Chair Rorie Harris '99 began the discussion with a comparison of smoking problems to noise violations. She stated that the RAs can give out "noise tickets," and questioned why they do not have that similar power to enforce the smoking rules and regulations. Director of Libraries Damon Hickey agreed, saying, "I don't understand why there are sanctions" for noise but not for smoking.

Council member Emily Welty '00 stated that for asthmatics or people with breathing problems, being in close proximity to cigarette smoke can be harmful. "If I walk through a hallway and there's smoke, I'm

going to have an asthma attack," she said.

Buxton explained that areas in the residence halls which have been used in the past for smoking lounges have been gradually converted to rooms, leaving smokers with no designated areas. She also added that in the next academic year, "we're going to grant non-smoking space to just about every student who requests it." But she also argued against "ticketing" smokers, saying, "I hate to see RAs and RDs become policemen."

Hickey moved to have the Judicial Committee consider the issue. With a second by Buxton, and a friendly amendment by Bob Malekoff, the director of physical education, to the effect that health factors played a major role in Council's consideration of the matter, the motion passed unanimously.

With no reports from the Budget or Honoraria Committees, Council adjourned.

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Great Decisions lecture on Turkey

JESSICA DUPLAGA

A country about which relatively little is known but one which is at a political and geographical crossroads was the topic of this week's "Great Decisions" lecture given by Sabri Sayari, the Executive Director of the Institute of Turkish Studies at Georgetown University. Sayari's lecture, entitled "Turkey: Prospects for an Emerging Regional Power," discussed the strategic economic and political importance of Turkey.

Even though Turkey's importance is comparatively unknown and often underestimated, according to Sayari the country's location, population, and culture make it "important" and "interesting."

Turkey is a "strategically located country" in its position between Europe, Asia, and the Middle East and between the Aegean, Mediterranean and Black Seas. Its size is one of the largest of the Middle Eastern countries.

It has a growing population of 63 million people and is much like the United States, says Sayari, in that it is a "melting pot of different peoples, ethnic groups, and cultures," including Turks, Balkans, Albanians, Bulgarians and Bosnians.

A country "rich in history and cul-

ture," Turkey attracts archaeologists and "people who seek treasures" with its large number of successive civilizations and religions, said Sayari.

Economically, Turkey possesses an important link to the United States and its surrounding countries. With its size, location, and population, Turkey is considered by investors and the United States as "one of the ten largest emerging markets in the world." It is one of the few countries with which the U.S. has a positive trade balance. Its "enormous petroleum and energy riches in the Caspian Sea basin area" make it of prime global importance, according to Sayari.

Politically, Turkey has been a "very close and trusted ally of this country for nearly half a century." It has been a member of NATO since 1952 and has always been supportive of U.S. policies and leadership and is the third largest recipient of U.S. economic and military assistance. Since the Cold War's termination, Turkey has been one of the most affected nations as a result of its strategic placement. Once a "buffer against Soviet expansion" during the Cold War, it was speculated that Turkey would lose its importance. However, Sayari said that Turkey is, "if not more, at least as important to U.S. foreign policy interests as before."

Its importance to the U.S. stems from its proximity next to Iraq, which exports petroleum through Turkish ports on the Mediterranean. Turkey played a key role during the Gulf War, when it suspended petroleum shipments from Iraq, sent troops to the Iraqi border, and allowed U.S. planes to take off from Turkish ground. It has since been a part of the U.S.'s dual isolation plan to isolate Iraq and Iran.

Despite its economic and political importance, Turkey faces domestic and external challenges that prevent it from emerging as a regional power. The banning of the Islam or Welfare Party from elections by secular leadership, the demands for "cultural rights and freedoms" and the establishment of their own state by the Kurds, and the 70 to 80 percent annual inflation rate has hurt internal affairs. Externally, opposition from Turkey's neighbors of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Russia and Greece and the "estranged relation with Western Europe over the issue of Turkey's application to become a member of the European Union" have added to Turkey's problems.

Turkey is an important aspect of United States foreign policy, according to Sayari, and thus an integral topic in the "Great Decisions" lecture series for 1998. These lectures, sponsored by the College, "The Daily Record," area businesses, industry, and service clubs, and the Foreign Policy Association, are held on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Gault Recital Hall.

Just Desserts



PHOTO BY SARAH KRUSE

Monday evening interested students gathered to hear information about small house living. Sponsored by the Wooster Volunteer Network, "Just Desserts" is an annual program that allows students to have questions answered about the benefits and problems of living outside the dorm. Contact people for Yost and Bryan Houses spoke about the benefits of volunteering and the application process. A panel of small house residents then answered questions. Applications for small houses are due Feb. 9 and can be picked up in Housing.

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DAVID LOHR

The Wooster Voice, America's oldest weekly college newspaper, can now be read online. Found at <http://www.wooster.edu/voice>, the new website features a full edition of the Voice, complete with color photographs, updated every Thursday the Voice is printed.

While the idea of a website exclusively for the Voice has been discussed over the past few years, it didn't come to fruition until this year, under co-editors-in-chief Aaron Rupert '98 and James Koller '99, and the computer expertise of Sohil Parekh '99.

Parekh and Koller began designing the page in the spring of 1996. By the end of the summer, a template was made, but it was scrapped in favor of a newer one when the Voice began using color and a new banner. The current version was completed at the end of last semester.

The Voice website does an excellent job capturing the feel of the paper, while in a web-page format easy for readers to navigate. Rather

than go with a more modern look, the designers decided to model the site after the paper, thus retaining its distinct character. The front page contains the top stories, just as the printed copy, but the margin contains links to the various sections, so readers are still able to read Lindberg's semi-pertinent ramblings and Fenske's biting editorials.

Being able to read the paper online is sure to be an attractive option for many. "The site was created more for those who want to learn about Wooster from off campus," said Rupert, "such as alumni, parents, and students studying abroad."

In addition, when trying to choose between colleges, many prospective students look for a copy of the school newspaper. "When I came here during my senior year, I picked up a copy of the Voice," said James Kalemba '01. "It really helped give me a sense of the atmosphere on campus."

Because the Voice is a completely student-run publication the reader gets a different view of campus life, and different information than in

publications issued by the College. "Other publications don't give the unique student perspective," said Koller. "There are certain things the College won't tell you because they don't look flattering."

According to Koller, a website for the Voice was a necessary step. "Other schools of comparable sizes have pages, and if we didn't, we'd fall behind, and wouldn't be best serving the students," Koller said. With more of the world being connected to the Internet every day, a page for the Voice is an ideal way to take the paper a step further.

"Print media has been changing in the past five years," said Parekh. "People are starting to associate newspapers with their websites rather than the printed versions." What does the future hold for the Voice online? Parekh said "Our own web server, so readers can access back issues of the Voice."

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The Wooster Voice webpage debuts

Student newspaper can now be accessed on the internet

The declaration of an independent

by Sarah Fenske

I guess I always knew that I wasn't going to be Greek. I am not sure why. I remember that I meant to turn over a new leaf in college and get away from my incessant high school cliqueness; I also remember that the first time I was invited to a hang with a club ("come watch Melrose with us," they said), the inviter had roots roughly two shades darker than her hair. I thought this said a lot about Greek life at the time. Needless to say, I didn't go to any rushes. Or watch Melrose.

After living here at Wooster for two and a half years, however, I can only laugh at my reasoning. My friends here have become just as tight as any sorority, as is nearly every group on this campus; part of small college life is cliqueness, whether clad in letters or not. I am not necessary happy with this state, but I know that I am just as shut off from people different than me, if not more so, than I would be in a social club. I also have learned that Greeks do not have a monopoly on roots, and that bad hair is not tied to any particular age, social status or gender. Part of college is bad hair, and good thing, too: we have too much going on to care. The original justifications for my non-Greekness, then, seem pretty much moot.

There are times I walk into Lowry and wish there was a table thought to be "mine," and there are times I

wish I had a huge group of great friends who always had my back. Who doesn't? There is something of the pack animal in all of us, something that resists being alone and feeling alone and being, well, independent. And yet, I know I will never pledge, mainly for that Marxian (Groucho, that is) paradox: I would never want to be a part of a club that would have me for a member. Sure, if they begged I would be tempted to join, but when they begged I would certainly think of them in a lesser light and be less likely to join. I won't pledge.

So here I am. Independent. Alone. And yet, I am happy. Being a independent on this campus has more pluses than one might think. Here are a few:

- You get to live in rooms that they would actually show you as a prospective. Luce, Kenarden, Holden: the world is open to you. You can even live in a house composed entirely of your friends, not just 50 percent. Ditto for any random hall.

- You don't have to do slavery — whoops, "mandatory service." No walking down Route 83 in an orange vest, no picking lice out of soon-to-be dead pups at the Humane Society. You can volunteer if you want to, but no one is slapping you in leg irons and making you part of the chain gang.

- You can make snide remarks

about Greeks. The most popular: "At least I don't have to buy my friends." This is particularly good if there are no Greeks around.

- You can flunk a few classes. There is no GPA requirement for independents.

- Your friends can do stupid things / get really drunk / get really mean, and it doesn't reflect on you. No one will tell you, "You independents are all jerks." This would not be true if you were Greek. Ten independent idiots never receive the derision of ten such idiots wearing their letters.

- You don't have to pay for other people's beer. Heck, you don't even have to pay for your own. Just drink the Greeks' beer. Then make fun of them. People do it.

- At 1 a.m. you can leave with whomever you've been dancing with, rather than cleaning up some never-will-be-fully-cleaned section littered with broken cups and ralph.

- You can rest easy knowing that no one has ever seen you masturbate.

So here I am, independent and happy with it. For all its allure, Greek life has never enticed me enough to join, and so I go to sleep at night knowing that I cannot be bought or sold, secure in the knowledge that my fat will never jiggle from the top of the spin cycle as my new friends circle me with ink. Ever wonder why this campus is over 65 percent independent?



PHOTO BY AMELIA KAYS

It's 7:30 a.m., and the new pledges of KX are at a really early breakfast.

The Greeks' Issues

by Ben Harpster, Phi Delta Sigma

Let me first clarify that when I use the word "Greeks" I do so for simplification purposes only. "Clubs" and "sections" become very awkward, and everybody still knows who I am talking about.

When I was asked to write this article, I sat down and thought about the problems that exist between the Greeks and the campus. In my opinion they can all be lumped into one area: "image." The images or stereotypes that Greeks have have are the problem. When I got to college the image that was conjured up when

someone said Greeks was not a good one. I had an image of guys only drank beer all the time, had an IQ equal to that of an eggplant and caused all sorts of trouble—in short, the "Animal House" image. My image of Greek women was not much better, as I saw them as floozies and ditzes. This is the image, at least to some extent, that I believe people still have. Though there are times when this image is somewhat accurate, I do believe that Greeks as a whole are trying to move away from it.

Greeks have become campus leaders, have become involved in many organizations, such as SGA, Campus Council, WVN the Voice and many more. Greeks also help out not only the college community but also the community of Wooster. They do this through their service projects, such as volunteering with the Red Cross to teach CPR, helping with blood drives, working with the Humane Society, Boys Town, and even cleaning up the highways. However, this is not the image that is seen, and that is our problem.

Greeks need to publicize the good

things they are doing. That may seem to be bragging and asking for thanks for doing things that are our civil duty, but the good things that we do are not spread like the bad things that we do. We must ensure that the word gets out about what we are doing that is good. I am not saying that Greeks are perfect angels; we still need work, but we are trying to change and this should be recognized.

Greeks need to publicize what they are doing that is good. That may seem to be bragging and asking for thanks for things that are our civil duty, but the good things that we do are not spread like the bad things that we do.

The Greeks are not the only ones who have problems. The campus as a whole has a problem in that they need to stop listening to all of the rumors

and to stop blaming a whole group of people for the actions of a couple of individuals.

The latter is what I see to be the biggest problem. If one member of a Greek organization does something wrong, then the whole organization gets stereotyped for it. This needs to stop. This kind of thinking should not be done at all, whether it be with Greeks or members of an ethnic, political or religious group.

Now I admit that it seems like the Greeks have more problems than the campus, but that is because the Greeks have a lot of smaller problems, and the campus has one big one. Here I will steal something that Bill Clinton used a lot in his State of the Union Address. I challenge members of both the Greek community and the College community to make the above changes, to learn about each other and to work together. Though this may sound sort of corny, if we can work together, then these problems will disappear and we will be one group, instead of just Greeks, independents, faculty and staff.

They might speak Greek, but do they know the Greeks?

by Aaron Rupert

Greek and independent alike, professors have to deal with us all. What do they think of those who proudly wear the letters? Two professors, one a former College president, the other an outspoken member of the religious studies department, shared their thoughts about Greek organizations on campus.

Professor Henry Copeland, history, President Emeritus

Copeland, as former President of the College and as a professor of history, is used to looking at the institution in the long-term, and it was unsurprising that he reached back into Wooster's history to begin his view of Greek life on campus. "Fifty years ago," said Copeland, "because students lived in sections in Kenarden Hall, section life was vital and important. It just happened to be the way this institution decided to organize residential life."

After the housing system changed, Copeland feels that clubs

and sections lost some of their importance, saying, "I guess I had the sense that once the sections moved out of Kenarden ... in that, lots of different housing options became available, that section life sort of became marginal to the sort of really central themes of the institution," which he listed as academics, athletics, music, the theatre and the volunteer effort, among others. "As president," continued Copeland, "I felt if some people find this sort of activity meaningful, then okay, but it didn't strike me as at all necessary or indeed helpful ... in terms of preparing them to live life after graduation."

Copeland used the example of Williams College to illustrate problems that could come about from Greek life. "Historically, fraternities on major campuses did have a history of displaying prejudices of all sorts," said Copeland. "At Williams College there were Protestant fraternities, there were Catholic fraternities, there were Jewish fraternities

... and there was a record at Williams College of excluding blacks, and that's why Williams College abolished fraternities in the 1960s. I'm not aware that Wooster's sections have displayed that kind of record of prejudices."

While he did not say Greek life at Wooster was ever like the description he gave of Williams, he did state that "there have been sections on this campus, some of which no longer exist, that seem to be collections of individuals who are not particularly interested in being part of the college. There have been other sections and clubs that have had good students in them and make their own contributions to the campus."

When asked how he would describe the typical Greek student, he basically stated that such a question is a moot one. "Students are students," said Copeland, "so when

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Campus Issues

A look at the important issues facing The College of Wooster

Issue 4: It's all Greek to us

As the two weeks of New Member Education draw to a close, the minds of *The Wooster Voice* have turned to Greek Life. With 90 complaints of hazing this year, the powers-that-be certainly will be looking at it as well. This week we feature four articles from different perspectives on Greek Life. Ben Harpster '98 takes a look at the problems Greeks feel they are burdened. Our own Viewpoints Editor Sarah Fenske '99 describes why she feels that it's better not to carry the weight of letters. On the opposite side of that argument, Associate Editor Colleen Dunn '99 describes why she is proud to be a member of Epsilon Kappa Omicron. Finally, Editor-in-Chief Aaron Rupert '98 talks to two professors and finds out what "the other half" of Wooster feels about sections and clubs.

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you come in you don't think, 'is this student in the band, is this student in a co-ed house?' ... When I evaluate exams, I turn them over. I'm not even aware of the student's name."

Professor Charles Kammer, religion

In starting out, Kammer echoed many of the same feelings as Copeland did about the faculty view toward the Greek student. "We have majors who are Greek, some who are not, and it's absolutely impossible for me to tell who are Greeks and who are not Greeks unless students disclose that to me," Kammer said. "I think any notion that there's some type of stereotyping, that you can pick them out, at least from my perspective, doesn't work."

He also stated that students who do tell him of their Greek status have no discernible academic difference.

Kammer described many aspects of Greek life that he felt were positive and beneficial. He said that being part of a community is one important aspect of Greek life. He also stated that he believes that "Greek organizations could have a very significant positive effect on members, if they use some of the group identity [and] social peer issues to help persons in terms of counteracting harmful or hurtful personal activities or values they've picked up."

While he felt these aspects are and could be positive, Kammer also sees parts of the Greek community as questionable. "I personally have a problem with organizations that are selective and do not have to provide the criteria by which selection is made. It allows for all kinds of prejudices [and] biases, to be used

in selection processes that are not disclosed. It very often leads to organizations in which persons who are part of those organizations are culturally very similar or like minded." Kammer stated that this sort of homogenous organization does not encourage people to grow.

The same rumors that students hear about wild Greek parties also seem to filter to the faculty.

"The reports that the faculty hear," said Kammer, "how accurate or not is hard for me to discern, is at least some of the Greek organizations make heavy use of alcohol, a lot of mid-week [and] weekend partying, rather than being support to students who are maybe having problems with academic issues or alcohol problems and sometimes reinforce those kinds of behaviors."

He also commented on New Member Education. "Not all, but some of the Greek organizations put their pledges through various types of routines that leave them tired, non-responsive, and unable to focus on academic work."

"I'm not saying that all Greek organizations are like this," said Kammer, "and engage in these types of activities. These are things that are sometimes heard reported, some of it observed about Greek organizations."

While Kammer is concerned with New Member Education weeks, he feels that the College does a good job of keeping an eye on it.

"Certainly in terms of pledge weeks," said Kammer, "since I've come to Wooster, they've had fairly careful observation regulation of pledging ... so that aspect of it seems to be well under control."

In suggestions of what Greeks could do to make themselves a more beneficial part of the campus, Kammer stated that "some of them could use the base to generate more dialogue, more cross-group sorts of conversation."



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Sisterly love is better than any dessert, as the Peanuts demonstrate.

Went for cheesecake, stayed for sisters

by Colleen Dunn, Epsilon Kappa Omicron

Anyone who knew me my first year would likely classify me as the least likely person to go Greek. I was not strongly anti-fraternities and sororities, but I considered myself above them. I was an individual, embracing my newfound freedom and not feeling confined to a particular group as I did in high school. I was thrilled to finally have the freedom to not be viewed as exactly like my group of friends, so the thought of branding myself with letters did not enter my mind. But here I am, my junior year of college, and not only am I Greek, in many of my circles I am the token Greek. Just ask the *Voice* staff.

Many students who are not affiliated with a club or a section don't understand what entices one to join a club or section. Just as there is no blanket Greek experience at Wooster, everyone's reasons for pledging are different. I can only describe my own experience. I don't pretend to speak for the entire Greek community, or even for the women of Epsilon Kappa Omicron. Face it, Wooster is not the most exciting place to go to college. Frankly, there is nothing to do on campus. At the end of my first year, I had already felt like I had done everything there was to do on this campus, short of rock climbing up the side of McGaw. After I pledged, all of sudden my social calendar was booked up to May of 1999.

People frequently ask me if I felt as if I lost my identity after pledging. Contrary to popular thought, I belong to a group that values diversity of thought and interests. I still consider myself an individual.

I object to calling non-Greek students "independents." I know a lot of so-called "independents" who let their friends make decisions for them. Are they "independent" merely because their circle of friends is not organized enough to have a charter? Conformity exists in every possible walk of campus life. The assumption that one who is Greek is incapable of independent thought is about as asinine as the belief that the rooms in Bissman are the same size as those in Kenarden. One does not sacrifice one's personal ideologies when one puts on letters.

I will admit that I went to a rush solely for the cheesecake Elizabeth Howard '99 promised me earlier that day. But what I found at that rush was much different than anything I had expected. Yes, the cheesecake was wonderful. But I also discovered a group of women who were beyond close. Even though their majors and interests differed greatly, there was one common thread. They seemed willing to do anything for each other. I didn't think twice about my bid. I just accepted it.

People have a tendency not to understand Greek life because so much of what Greek organizations do is not visible. Some independents know Greeks solely for all-campus parties and being loud during meals at Lowry. Every Greek organization on campus does a service project of some

type. I would argue that Greeks have it harder than "independent" students. So many members of the faculty and staff don't believe we should exist. We can't look tired during new member education without being told we shouldn't let our Greekness interfere with

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academics, even if we're tired because we're coming down with colds. Many people view us solely through

our social lives. Yes, we give parties. But we also give something back to the community, and to each other. Non-Greeks don't see the way we support sisters. We live with each other, and to some extent, for each other.

And yes, some of us drink together. We also take care of each other when we're sick. We help out with one another's problems. There is always someone willing to provide a shoulder if you to cry, or a hug if you need encouragement. It is one of the most unique forms of friendship there is. Unlike many college friendships that slowly fade in the years following graduation, one's Greek affiliation is forever. I will always be able to find sisters if I need them. I can't think of any other extracurricular activity capable of boasting the same.

So this weekend, when I party with my sisters, I suppose I will be fitting the mold of what everyone considers Greek life to be. But as far as I'm concerned, I'll just be letting loose with the 14 people I love the most.

As the world crumbles ...

The world is crumbling around our country's president. Do you know about it? What does it say about it when professors must spend the first few minutes briefing us in the latest Clinton foible? What does it say about us when we can write 80 pages on the literature of little-known Czechoslovakians but fumble when it comes to daily events? Assigned reading or not, dig up a "New York Times" from the recycling bin and glance through a few articles.

Between the idyllic gray skies and half-frozen ground, it is easy to forget that, for some, the stories in other newspapers are more real than elusive theories on postmodern poetry or the nature of quarks. The Pope was in Cuba, face-to-face with Castro. The Unabomber plead guilty, and the "Times" has found the Clinton issue interesting enough to print at least two pages every day. Education is much more than four classes a semester. Put those textbooks away a few minutes early or spend a moment after breakfast to examine the real world that you will eventually, like it or not, enter. Teach your prof something tomorrow — not to mention yourself.

... so goes the campus

Martin Luther King Jr. was a man worth celebrating. It is noble of the College to bend its tradition of unilaterally ignoring national holidays to offer up a few formalized but noble nonetheless speakers in honor of King's birthday, but it was startling how many students didn't even realize that it was MLK Day. Upon reflection, we realized that we, the Voice of the campus, had made no note of the occasion. We apologize, and with far more sincerity than we usually employ to smooth over our errors. Here in the land of student publications, the Arts and Entertainment section probably sheds the most light on reality, but that's no cause for concern. Wooster students are more wordily and more effortfully educated than your average 18 to 22-year-olds, and they certainly have the sort of consciousness that doesn't let them forget to appreciate the civil rights leaders who made our existence what it is today. Right? Wrong. When only the closing of the post office will remind us that history is being commemorated, something is drastically wrong with our worldview. In the future, we will try to remind you of the world beyond Wooster and before our time. It's the least we can do.

Mailbox: Fenske, lackeys lame

Many letters arrive denouncing the Voice's pathetic immaturity

To the Editor:

Sarah Fenske must be right. Organizations on this campus are just ridiculous. I mean, really, let's look at the Model U.N. It does nothing to promote world peace, shouldn't they be more realistic? Considering the fact that world peace is so far away, why not trash Model U.N. and try for an organization that would accurately reflect world af-

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fairs? The point of the Model U.N. is to recognize the issues of other nations and to understand the differences. The Model U.N. is hardly "the most pointless activity on campus."

And the SGA... they're pointless, too. What do they ever do for the campus? What have they done for us lately? Well, let's see. James Koller wrote an article singing the praises of continuous feeding but neglected to mention how it was obtained. Continuous feeding was a product of the "idealistic, take-themselves-far-too-seriously-resume-builders of a student lobbying firm," also known as, the SGA. What about parking? Everyone complains about parking on campus. It would be a lot worse if the new parking lot on Beall didn't exist. And who got the parking lot? The SGA. How about another example? Toni Cassarino spearheaded a movement in the SGA to lower phone rates for international calls. She succeeded in getting rates lowered by 20 percent. It's amazing what a "Student Lobbyist" can do. Security walks, summer storage, busing, the book exchange posters, the ride board, and campus lighting are among the SGA's less publicized but equally important services.

While we're evaluating the effectiveness of campus organizations, what about the Voice? It takes a lot of talent to rip on any organization that attempts to make a difference on this campus. Maybe, the point of a campus newspaper should be to do some sort of investigative reporting, therefore increasing the likelihood of reporting actual news. How many articles can the Voice run on Greek organizations and their contributions to the College of Wooster? Instead of reporting factual, unbiased articles, the Voice has become a vindictive tabloid gossip column. Sarah Fenske used her po-

sition as viewpoints editor to bash the SGA. Why did she do this? Sarah has not been to one meeting this semester or last semester. Considering that she has no first hand knowledge of what the SGA has been doing, her attack must have had some personal motivation. When asked about the article she said "I'll do anything to increase our readership." Usually, when it is necessary for a paper to increase readership, they have competition and are losing sales. The Voice has no competition and it's a free publication. Maybe, the way to increase readership would be to report on actual stories.

The ad-hoc weight room committee has been effective in meeting with Bob Malekoff and voicing the concerns it has found so far. It has corrected a survey that will be available to students in the weight room. The results of the survey will demonstrate the opinions of the campus and serve as an aid for effective lobbying. As for the outcome, no one knows. Not the SGA, not Sarah Fenske. Her pessimistic attitude about the SGA and its usefulness is a major problem on this campus. How are students supposed to know what the SGA is really about when the only articles they get are written by Sarah Fenske and her lackeys? The Student Government Association is much more than a "crackerjack" organization, it's the real voice of the student body. Maybe with a little more maturity coming from the Voice office, the students would know this.

Molly Hilger '99,
Marcie Kasek '01
Mayura James '99

To the Editor:

In her editorial of last week, Sarah Fenske expressed the kinds of sentiments that make me exceedingly nervous about the future of democracy. I agree with the esteemed editor that SGA has very limited power and has proven itself to be utterly incompetent in the exercise of that power. But I do not believe that a Galpin-headed authoritarian government would be any better.

In the pages of this newspaper, we have all seen numerous examples of SGA's inefficiency. Judging by the topics it debates, an outsider would likely come to the conclusion that soap in bathrooms and cable television were the burning issues on the minds of the student body. And perhaps if SGA had real powers, it would attract a better group of people.

But we have also seen what happens when the administration gets too high-handed and full of itself — last semester's Security/sexual

assault debacle comes to mind.

Does Fenske really believe that Hales, Plusquellec, Hetrick and Figge know what we need done? Hell, they don't even know us. When was the last time that Stan had to stand at the tail end of a long line in the cramped confines of the bookstore to buy exorbitantly-priced textbooks? Has Susan ever stopped to ask a first-year what he thought of her disastrous, boring, and condescending presentation during New Student Orientation?

By contrast, our SGA Senators eat Lowry food, take classes with profs who forget to order textbooks, and live in the cramped closets which oh-so-often pass for rooms here. If they don't respond

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to what we want, it's our own fault. I would sleep more comfortably knowing that someone answerable to me, who knows how students really live, had a say in establishing Security procedures alongside of Joe Kirk or advising Howard Raber that we really don't want any more broccoli in the Lowry menu.

Part of the college experience is making mistakes and learning from them. With Galpin exerting the power it does, our collective opportunity to screw up is greatly reduced.

So to Stan, Ken, Barbara, and Susan, I say: *Let us **** up!* Allow SGA to have some real power. Pretend that you believe in that glowing rhetoric in the Introduction to the Catalogue about the "freedom of inquiry" and "the ability to think logically" and "act morally." Let us have the chance to freely inquire about Security's hiring procedures, to think logically about how Orientation is run, and to act in the best interests of all the College's students.

Sure, we'll make mistakes. We will fail. Everyone does. I'm sure that even the honorable Miss Fenske does, however much she would not like to admit it. But we also eventually learn from those mistakes. That is an integral part of learning, and of the grand experimental experience that is life.

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Letters: Scots' honor

To the Editor:

In last week's *Voice*, I read Eric Bakken's article with considerable trepidation. Certainly, the sentiment was nothing new; this campus has been plagued by incidents ranging from theft to public masturbation and many people are upset. In the last several months I have heard statements or read releases by administrators, faculty, and students that suggests that an honor code would be an appropriate answer to thieves, cheats, and liars. I believe it would harm an environment that is, for the most part, friendly, open, and just.

More to the point, an Honor Code would replace an admittedly passive Code of Social Responsibility with a proactive, moralistic Honor Code. The hard part of an Honor Code is, as Bakken admits, that "if you know anything of an Honor offense ... you are honor-bound to report it." There are a lot of marginal and legitimate offenses that we hear about. Many times, perhaps even most of the time, a spectator should tell. If a friend told me that he beat up or raped a student, I would report it. But when the victim tells me the name of her or his perpetrator, I choose to let her make the call.

And there are a host of minor issues. What about students comparing answers on math homework before class? Or underage drinkers (gee Eric, you mention having a beer in your article several times, but last I heard you weren't of age)? [Ed: as of Sept. 29, Bakken is 21 years old.] Or the RAs present while said underage drinkers drink? Or the occasional visitor that stays more than "three consecutive days"? Or rumors I hear about frat pranks? Am I responsible for finding out who took bound periodicals out of the library and left

them for several days in the computer room?

Honor Codes work at some schools. At other schools, they provide an excuse for students to punish people they do not like or engage in petty whining. One of my acquaintances in China went to Hampton Sidney College, another liberal arts college in Virginia with an Honor Code. At some point during the school year his roommate, an international student, stole a towel from a hotel. For this, for my acquaintance reported him to the student senate. Inevitably, the students ended what friendship had existed, the student senate issued some token punishment, and I had to listen to whining about it a year and a half later on another continent. Let's just stop this type of stuff before it starts.

Wooster prides itself on being an institution that fosters independent thinking and learning. None of us want the "indoctrination" (Eric's word) necessary to create or sustain an Honor Code. And I shouldn't even have to mention that, as the student senate is the usual arbiter of the Honor Code, it would be a particularly bad idea at Wooster.

I suppose I should also add that our administration has already done a quite thorough job of trying to stop lying, cheating, and, especially, stealing. If a \$5000 award will not prompt a student to report a theft, will an Honor Code? As for cheating, I found reference in a 1916 College of Wooster Bulletin that teachers then trusted students to take unsupervised exams. They still do today, and I think that this is something to be proud of.

We don't need a "return to honor." Most of us have always had it.

Jonathan Seitz '98

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Groups' images unjustly tarnished

To the Editor:

Student Government on this campus has continuously been humiliated through the medium of *The Wooster Voice*. Neither of us are members of SGA, but we feel that it has not been fairly represented by *The Wooster Voice*, and specifically by Sarah Fenske in her recent Viewpoints article.

This year, SGA is trying to make significant changes to better represent the student body and its many concerns. This small organization is attempting to make the students' voices heard to improve student life, and insure that our \$24,000 is well-spent. Among its current projects, SGA has realized the need for shower curtains, soap dispensers and paper towels in all dormitory bathrooms. It has also recognized the students' desire for cable television in both private rooms and public areas....

It appears that Ms. Fenske is instituting a paradox in her article. If the SGA did not address student issues like the weight room, then it would serve no purpose for the students' voice. And yet Ms. Fenske has made a point to ridicule it for having such a discussion, indicating that she does not see this appropriate for the student governing body to discuss. Therefore, it is unclear as to what Ms. Fenske expects from her student representatives. She ends her article by stating that she expects nothing. If this is truly the case, then why did she even write the article claiming that SGA does nothing? If that were true, would she

To the Editor:

Last week's article "A new name for our silly SGA" accurately addresses the major problem of our student government on campus. Namely, it doesn't function as intended. So what do you do with something when it has become antiquated, useless and obsolete? Get rid of it.

The Student Government Association is a wonderful thing in theory. Images of dedicated students, armed with a knowledge of parliamentary procedure, fixing the problems of the campus. Unfortunately, as with most theories, the SGA can't function in reality. Having served on SGA for two years I can say this knowingly. Sure it does a few useful things, like it spent 3 months last year having the campus sign petitions for new laundry machines the college was already planning on buying for this year, and it spent another two months trying to find a new location for the ride board that used to be in Lowry.

Why then does this group still exist? So that a seemingly elite few can have a nameplate on some ob-

scure door in the basement of Lowry? or so the *Voice* is always guaranteed something humorous to write about? The student body doesn't seem to care much. I have a feeling most people couldn't tell you that we have a VPAA on SGA or what the name of "their" Senator is.

I wish that the SGA would function like it should in theory, but the truth is, the administration seems to be doing a fine job of keeping the campus in order and if a student does have a problem going directly to the administration is much easier and undoubtedly more effective than taking it to the SGA and watching it sit around while the Senators argue about whether it's a 2/3 or 3/4 vote for the motion.

I realize that occasionally the SGA does something useful, and to the members' credit, they do try, but for all the hype and effort that people put into the SGA is simply not what it is supposed to be. So as the article last week so aptly put it, change the name or change the group.

Sarah Kruse '99

not then be satisfied in her expectations?

Ms. Fenske inaccurately represents and compares SGA and the Model United Nations and thus does a disservice to both organizations and their members.

Campus organizations such as Model United Nations are a preparation for places and ideals much larger than this small campus. Those who see us participants as "idealistic, bleeding heart college students" simply lack vision and initiative.

These valiant characteristics allow mere college students, and citizens in general, the opportunity to strive for peace and harmony in a world of political chaos. "The pointless activity" of Model U.N. is an important asset in the process of preparing students and future policy makers for their dealings with those who lack vision and initiative in their decision making.

It appears that is those who oppose such organizations as Model U.N., and thereby the real United Nations, would prefer to propagate misinformation, cultural and societal stereotypes rather than discussing the endless possibilities for peace and harmony. Idealistic we may be, but is this not preferable to cynical? Realistic expectations are a valuable aspect of the political process, and we are afraid that articles such as Ms. Fenske's leave students

feeling apathetic and powerless. We are empowered by our own participation in such organizations as SGA and Model U.N. The power of the editorial is not to be underestimated, nor is it to be relied upon in place of actual participation in those organizations about which Ms. Fenske complains.

Students should look at all of the good things going on in campus organizations, rather than questioning the capabilities or practical applications from one's own viewpoint. SGA is directly held accountable to the student body of this campus, and therefore, should be respected for its willingness to confront student issues which would be otherwise delayed or possibly ignored.

Participants in Model U.N. may someday be making decisions that affect large populations of people throughout this country and the world. And so it goes through the entire list of campus organizations which aim to serve particular groups of the student population. We do not believe there is any basis for this unprovoked attack on either the SGA or Model United Nations, or any other campus organization with such goals which Ms. Fenske may not understand or support.

Rebecca Rollins '00
Nathaniel Strickler '00

Point / Counter: *Roe v. Wade* & 25 years of legal abortion

Abortion as a choice and necessary freedom

When I was a sophomore in high school, my best friend lied to her parents and said she was going down the shore. Of all of the possible stories she could have used to cover herself, this one made the most sense. It was an all day trip; so of course they would expect her to come home in the early evening, groggy and a little irritated. Had she been where she said, she would have spent the day swimming and running around on the boardwalk.

Instead, she and her boyfriend spent the day at the Cherry Hill Women's Center. She entered the building weighing yet again both sides of the most difficult decision she had ever made. When she went home several hours later, she knew she had taken the only option. Five years later, she still occasionally cries about it.

Abortion is not the easy way out, nor is it the inability or unwillingness to take responsibility for the consequences of one's actions. Contrary to what pro-lifers would say, abortion is not about death. Rather, it is about life, or the quality thereof. Although frequently viewed as the "cowardly" or "easy" way out, it takes a much braver person to acknowledge that they are incapable of dealing with responsibilities than it does to blindly take on more than one can possibly handle. When the responsibility in question is the future of a child, there is no room to step back and reexamine one's decision to bring a life into the world.

So a woman finds herself pregnant: should she bear a child she is not capable of raising, should she subject herself to the emotional trauma of giving her child up, or should she abort what is really only a mass of cells with the capability of eventually, after several months, forming a human life? This will be one of the most difficult decisions she will ever make. Regardless of her choice, her life is forever altered.

But the issue of abortion runs far deeper than a woman's ability or desire to raise children. Rather, it deals also with a woman's right to be in control of her own body. Reproductive freedom is something men have always had, and no one has ever questioned it. Traditionally, men have been

able to pursue whatever careers they chose, without so much as a parting glance. Meanwhile, women were kept at home with the babies, unable to pursue anything else. The accessibility of birth control was first step in freeing women from their domestic chains, the legalization of abortion necessitated by the fact that no birth control method is completely infallible (unless one actually considers abstinence a viable option). And because necessity has always taken precedence over legality, laws banning abortion have never prevented their occurrence. Rather women were forced to turn to unsafe, unsanitary clandestine attempts to terminate pregnancies that frequently resulted in their own deaths.

It is not necessary to argue that women have the right to pursue whatever roles in life they choose, whether that role be a stay-at-home mother or a full time career. Women are incapable of competing on equal footing with men in the work force unless they have control of their reproductive system. Banning abortion does not merely make a religious statement that life begins at conception. It implies that women should not be free to make their own choices regarding their bodies, a frightening idea for a country that was founded on equality, even if that equality was not extended to women until over a century later.

So here we are, on the 25th anniversary of the landmark decision that finally enabled women to have true reproductive freedom. And to think that every time I drive past the Cherry Hill Women's Center there are people protesting that freedom. I question their priorities. I can never understand how standing outside a building holding a sign changes anything. If these protesters were really so anti-abortion, they would use their energy talking about birth control and promoting preventative measures. As Jocelyn Elders said at the Wooster Forum last fall, there has never been a woman who needed an abortion who wasn't already pregnant. Maybe some day abortions will not be necessary. Until then, long live a woman's right to choose.

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Legal and rare: convenience and consequence

Abortion upsets me. I believe that life begins at conception, and therefore, I see abortion as an unnatural termination of life. I think it's wrong, although I know there are many people who agree with me about its wrongness and still praise *Roe v. Wade*, our 25 year mandate for its legality.

I consider myself libertarian. I think the government screws up pretty much everything it does, and I am not referring solely to the American government. It is part of the nature of government in general, and the reason I like this country so much is the idea that our government was formed in rebellion of ... government. Often protection is necessary not from each other, but rather from our intrusive Big Brother bureaucracy.

And yet I am anti-abortion. Pro-life, they tell me to say, in the same way I am told not to say pro-choice; "baby," they suggest, to replace the pro-choice term "fetus." To me it does not matter: a fetus has the same beating heart and tiny perfect fingers as a baby. And I am technically pro-life, I suppose, but part of being pro-life is being anti-abortion. I won't quibble about the terms.

A 1987 survey conducted by the Alan Guttmacher Institute (which, by the way, veers to the pro-choice) examined the real reasons that women get abortions. It found that the highest percentage, a lamentable 76 percent, occurred because the "woman is concerned about how having a baby could change her life." The other top reasons were equally sad. Can't afford a baby right now: 68 percent. Problems with relationship or wants to avoid single parenthood: 51 percent. Unready for responsibility: 31 percent. Woman is a victim of rape or incest: 1 percent. Take away the exceptions, the what-ifs that tend to clog any real dialogue, and abortion is often as a convenience, sparing the agony of a long pregnancy and the subsequent alternatives of separation and child-raising. For all the dialogue about making it "safe, legal, and rare," abortion has become too legal to be rare: since *Roe* in 1973, experts estimate there have been 30 million abortions in the U.S. A million and a half a year. 4,400 a day. The fetus is inconvenient, and so it is terminated. That's simple, and that's choice.

For all of my anti-government cringing, I

still support anti-abortion laws. Without them, it is too difficult to make the difficult choice of abortion into a very basic convenience. If there is one thing the government (and particularly the Supreme Court) ought to do, it is protect the rights of those unable to fight for themselves. I want the government out of the my newspapers and out of my classroom discussions, but I'll take them when it comes to matters of life and its preservation.

On a practical level, I do not think that abortion will soon be illegal in this country. Even though a growing number of our generation has rejected *Roe* (the latest count I heard was over 50%), the Supreme Court is still pretty set in its logic. And so, like most pro-lifers, I have set my sights on changing individuals rather than changing the law; in discussions I resist the notion of banning abortion completely in hopes of establishing some common ground. The concern has become much more making abortion Rare with a capital R than altering its safety and legality.

Deep down inside, however, I know that as long as abortion is limitlessly legal, it will never be rare. Human nature being what it is, we can loathe the idea of it and still turn to it in a desperate moment; people who doubt my anti-abortion position usually bring it back to the personal level. "If you got pregnant tomorrow, wouldn't you be tempted to have an abortion?" they ask. The answer is that of course I would, and that's just the problem. If I, who have seen pictures of miniature babies with their tiny beating hearts and little silent mews, can consider terminating a life, there is no way I can expect others not to do so. The existence of the option is a subtle license to action, and the license is the last thing we need in a tight place.

God forbid anyone should get pregnant without meaning to do so, but God forbid we should have the audacity to take a life, particularly an innocent one, in the name of convenience.

Maybe there is a purpose to government. For that reason I cannot fully celebrate the outcome of *Roe v. Wade*. If we really believe in safe, legal, and rare, maybe it is time Big Brother did something to work for the Rare part.

Sarah Fenske is the Viewpoints Editor of the Voice.

Letter: Model U.N. is no SGA (or Elle Macpherson either)

To the Editor,

We haven't moved mountains, brought peace to warring nations, or saved millions from the ravages of hunger. "Model U.N. is to the real U.N. what Elle Macpherson is to the rest of us." Yes, Ms. Fenske, despite that apparent error in your syllogism, the tone of your piece comparing Model U.N. was an example of uninformed journalism. Model U.N. delegates may not have brought peace to the Balkans, but Wooster's delegates to Model UN conferences can speak with finesse and knowledge on a number of world issues. Sarah Fenske's column in last week's *Voice* was based on unfounded generalizations and a blatant attempt to coddle the reader who knows as little about Model UN as the writer. We, the undersigned, wish

to educate both Ms. Fenske and her readers about what Model UN really is.

"Of course when bleeding-heart college students get together to make world peace it is easy." Simply not true, Ms. Fenske. A Model U.N. Conference is an emulation, we come with our delegations, our piles of paper, and our country's policy to back us up. SGA is an organization dedicated to discussing real issues on this campus. Their mission is not so much to learn the complexities of international relations but to represent the concerns of the student body. Do not compare the two organizations; they both consist of student members, but the similarities end there. It is clear you do not believe SGA is living up to its mission, but how can you say that Wooster's Model U.N.

is not? Model U.N. delegates know what they are talking about, and know that what we are talking about is not a ruse to fool ourselves into thinking that we can change the world, but that it is education. We can speak extemporaneously in our sleep, and we understand the idea of diplomacy.

Perhaps it is that Ms. Fenske doesn't have the patience that those of us who participate in Model U.N. have. We understand that the work we do today, the research and the conferences, will not pay off immediately. We also know that the classes we take this semester will not necessarily offer immediate rewards. To write that Model U.N. is pointless is to also say that any activity that teaches Wooster students skills they can use in the future is pointless as well.

Fenske's comparison between SGA and Model UN can be just as easily be made between SGA and Young Republicans, or any other organization that deals with student interest but produces little or no palpable output.

You may think SGA has its problems, but while Model U.N. may only emulate a real organization with real problems, but we do it with intelligence, knowledge, and confidence. Next time you choose to make an argument about an organization you know little about, do it with intelligence and knowledge, and a little less confidence.

*Eric Bakken '99
Jen Buckley '99
and 20 other Model U.N. co-signers*

Tangled up in food: the downtown Buehler's Cafe experience

CHARITY BABCOCK
GREGG LICHT

It's Friday night, a week of Lowry food has turned your taste buds to mush, and you're ready for a change. Here's the problem: you don't have a lot of money to spend, and the selection of Wooster restaurants is nil, to say the least. So why not try the best-kept secret in Wooster?

Buehler's Downtown Cafe is located on Market Street, just beside the Wayne County Public Library. Not only is the atmosphere semi-classy with its hunter green decor, but Buehler's Cafe also sells wine in the evenings for your pre-gala date.

The only non-romantic aspect of this restaurant, besides the 94-year-old man sitting behind you belching throughout your meal, is the fact that the only window practically sits in the parking lot. If you put your mouth to the window, you might be sucking on your car's exhaust pipe. But the food is cheap-to-reasonably priced (between \$5 and \$6 for a full meal), and it's darn good, too.

Before we had a chance to order our meals, Alan, the over-zealous yet kindly manager, inquired as to whether our drink orders had been taken. Buehler's is lucky to have such a hard-working stud.

Charity selected a light chicken breast sandwich, with mayo and mustard on the side, a sweet baked potato, and a cup of hot chocolate. Not only was her meal most excellent with a freshly baked bun and a soft sweet potato, but the attention to detail was impressive, if you call a pickle on the side detail. The only detail that was lacking was the lemon that she requested with her water. But they were quick to remedy the situation.

Gregg began his meal with a stupendous cup of hot chocolate, followed with a cheese, mushroom and ham omelette and a side of pumpernickel and rye swirled toast. No complaints from Gregg there. He just grinned as he devoured the array of food in front of him.

Eric only had two words to say after his two eggs, two pancakes, and two strips of crispy bacon arrived. "Warm syrup! Warm syrup!" he cried out in the midst of the post-church throng of diners. Charity noted that Eric's eggs looked like her mother's eggs. The only thing that was unsavory to Eric's hearty appetite was the mid-grade coffee (Eric only likes gourmet coffee).

Because of the busy Sunday morning crowd, the host was frustrated and somewhat rude, so Gregg slapped him around a little with his cloth napkin bunny. But the host's



PHOTO BY ERIC BAKKEN

The illustrious culinary critics and their inimitable napkin bunny enjoy a pickle.

attitude was off-set by our kind and compassionate server, Cindy. She tended to our every need with a smile and free refills of hot chocolate.

The food and service, however,

are not the only pluses to this eating establishment. Cloth napkins (hunter green, of course), clean bathrooms without wet floors (but with the lovely sanitary bathroom

smell), well-groomed servers (not a facial hair to be found), and relatively no wait makes Buehler's a perfect addition to your restaurant repertoire.

BEGINNING FRIDAY AT

Cinemark Movies 10

Times are for Friday, Saturday and Sunday only.

Great Expectations (R)	12:35, 3:15, 7:15, 9:55 p.m.
Half Baked (R)	12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:35 p.m.
Titanic (PG-13)	12:30, 4:30, 8:30 p.m.
As Good As It Gets (PG-13)	12:25, 3:30, 7:05, 10:00 p.m.
Hard Rain (R)	12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:40, 10:10 p.m.
Mousehunt (PG)	12:10, 2:30, 4:50 p.m.
Fallen (R)	7:00, 9:45 p.m.
Tomorrow Never Dies (PG-13)	12:40, 3:25 p.m.
Wag the Dog (R)	3:30, 10:05 p.m.
Deep Rising (R)	12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15 p.m.
For Richer or Poorer (PG-13)	12:45, 7:10 p.m.
Phantoms (R)	7:25, 9:40 p.m.
Desperate Measures (R)	12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45 p.m.

Times are for Monday through Thursday

Phantoms (R)	7:25, 9:40 p.m.
Tomorrow Never Dies (PG-13)	4:10 p.m.
Hard Rain (R)	4:25, 7:40, 10:10 p.m.
Titanic (PG-13)	4:30, 8:30 p.m.
Great Expectations (R)	4:05, 7:15, 9:55 p.m.
Half Baked (R)	4:45, 7:30, 9:35 p.m.
As Good As It Gets (PG-13)	4:00, 7:05, 10:00 p.m.
Mousehunt (PG)	4:35 p.m.
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For complete listings any time, call 345-8755.

Hey, what is the *Goliard* anyway?

Works needed so "publication worth reading" has something to read

KATIE HUBER

With spring right around the corner, the *Goliard* staff certainly will be keeping busy. Not only do they have to gather, read, and select items to be printed, but they also put countless hours into layout and publishing before the magazine is released at the end of the semester.

The literary and art magazine accepts submissions from all students, unlike *Year One* which is restricted to first-years. This year co-editors Sally Thelen '98 and Holly Kyle '98 will be guiding the rest of the *Goliard* staff in the selection process. In order to protect privacy and encourage students to participate, the names of the participants will not be paired with their work until after the work is selected for publication. This is why a cover sheet is required for all submissions.

After selecting items to appear in the magazine, the staff must reorganize where the submissions will be placed. They then submit the final product to Collier's Printing for publication.

Though both Thelen and Kyle have worked for various Wooster publications in the past, this is

their first year as editors of the *Goliard*. Thelen is responsible for the short fiction selections and Kyle for poetry. They are aided by Professor Peter Halvolm, who serves as chair of the publications committee. The editors also hope to find an art advisor in the near future since neither considers art to be her specialty.

This is a change from last year's editor, Kate Youther '97, an English and art double-major who felt comfortable covering both fiction and art. Still, Thelen and Kyle have taken over with admirable ease, organizing committees and events to make the magazine the best it can be.

The *Goliard* staff is not only concerned with publishing a magazine, however. They also hold meetings throughout the year and provide special activities on campus. Last semester they held a Hawaiian cheese and Scrabble event to attract potential members. Though they admit that Balderdash, not Scrabble, was the favored game of the evening, they felt the activity was a good way to get to know interested students.

The *Goliard* also features poetry and fiction readings at

Woogles and the Underground. On occasion, the magazine even provides jazz music to enhance the experience. This not only gives Wooster students something to do, but encourages future submissions as well.

Students interested in submitting works of fiction, poetry, or artwork should do so before Feb. 2. The works do not need to fit any particular theme, and students do not need to be English majors to participate. To facilitate the process, the *Goliard* now offers students the opportunity to submit their work over the campus computer network. To do so, log on under the Kauke Seminar server, choose the *Goliard* site, and drag the article into the drop box. If you have any questions, call Thelen at x4157 or Kyle at x3354.

For those who want to buy the magazine, the *Goliard* will be sold for \$1 in Lowry Center near the end of the semester.

In general, the *Goliard* attributes its success to the number and quality of the items it receives. "It's a fun magazine," Kyle commented, encouraging all students who are interested to participate. "It represents the diversity at Wooster."

Worship, celebration, song and MLK Jr. Sally Wags the Dog

LAUREN KULCHAWIK

"Love can build a bridge between your heart and mine," sang those present at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Celebration last Saturday. The audience was encouraged to hold hands with the people around them and to hug a stranger in the spirit of Isaiah Jones's sermon, which focused on the bond of humanity.

The service began with the Gospel Choir's singing of "Amen" and "We Shall Overcome." Rashad Burnley '01 then filled Gault Recital Hall with his powerful voice, singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing." While some people at the celebration clapped in rejoicing and others simply watched and listened, the theme of "Making It Real Beyond the Dream" had a visible impact on everyone present.

Aqueelah Collier '98 and Kristen Elkington '01 performed a fluid liturgical dance before the responsive prayer. Collier was inspired to help coordinate the program by her background experience with other Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations that she has participated in at her church. "I think that this program was special because many different people attended; everyone put something into it. Everyone was involved, not just the Black Students Association. It's really a blessing—the turnout was amazing, and of course the speaker Isaiah Jones was amazing, too."

Now the campus pastor at Oregon State University, Isaiah Jones has spoken before both Southern Baptist and Presbyterian ministries. In addition, he has worked with Mahalia Jackson, various motown and gospel singers, "The Fifth Dimension," and the Billy Graham Crusade. He made guest appearances on the television show "Amen," and has served as a worship leader all over the world.

The sermon reiterated King's messages of equality for all people. Jones stressed that it is important to follow the example of Ghandi, Mother Teresa, and Dr. King, and to judge "by the content of one's character and not by the color of one's skin." Jones challenged his audience to stop carrying hate inside, to regard people as equal to oneself, and to be friends with some-



Scenes from Saturday's MLK celebration

PHOTO BY ELISE BECHETTI

one of a different race.

"Unless you look at another person and see yourself in their eyes, then you can never be a brother or a sister to them," said Jones. The way to find hope despite institutional racism is to respond in love and realize that the racist is living in ignorance. According to Jones, we need to plant a "seed" in the hearts of others, and whether that seed grows or not, it has at least been given a chance. Jones quoted Dr. King: "Make a career of humanity and you will make a greater nation for yourself."

"In the light of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy, Isaiah Jones presented a moving ceremony full of praise and song. He emphasized an intricate part of the human spirit—the search for humanity in every individual," said Tonda Lee '00, a singer in the Gospel Choir.

At the end of the celebration, when the audience was encouraged to hug the stranger beside them and

to hold hands with voices singing in unity, the warmth of community that Dr. King dreamed of became a reality for a portion of the Wooster campus. "No matter what your religion, I think Dr. King challenges us to see that our existence is tied up with the lives of other people. It doesn't matter how different we are—we're interdependent. I think that's what King's message was all about," said Heidi Haverkamp '98, who served as a lector in the program.

Worship celebrations like this are important to the College's awareness of issues that are deeply rooted in history. According to Rashad Burnley, whose inspirations for singing are his church, his school and his mother, "First and foremost, I think programs like this are good because they give glory to God. Second of all, it helps to keep Dr. King's dream alive. And lastly, I enjoy singing and sharing my God-given talents with others."

SALLY SAYS

SALLY THELEN

Even Scola offered extended coverage on the Clinton sex scandal this weekend, while a perky Korean voice chirped in the background, grainy pictures of the big-haired intern flashed on the screen. Suddenly my politically apathetic self is curled up in front of the TV watching "Dateline" like it's my favorite soap. To Lewinsky or not to Lewinsky is now the hot topic of debate among my friends at meal times as we try to imagine if we were interns and Bill invited us into the Oval Office to "chat" about public policy.

If you're looking for a little respite from presidential scandal and evil political workings, what ever you do, don't go see "Wag the Dog." Eerily similar to what is going on in Washington today, this movie makes it hard to forget where cinema leaves off and real life begins.

Directed by Barry Levinson, "Wag the Dog" opens on a crisis in the White House: with election only days away, the president has been accused of sexual misconduct with a young "Firefly Girl." White House aide Winifred Ames (Anne Heche), and spin doctor Conrad Brean (Robert DeNiro), find themselves looking for a solution that will overshadow the incident in the Oval Office and keep the President in the running.

With the help of big-time Hollywood producer Stanley Motss (Dustin Hoffman), suddenly a war with Albania has been invented and

a media blitz ensues. Throw in a few appropriate folk songs, footage of a young Albanian fleeing her burning village, and a handsome prisoner of war and suddenly all of America is whipped up in a patriotic frenzy. Motss' biggest and best show ever becomes proof of how easily the American public can be tripped into believing anything the media will dish out to them.

Written by David Mamet and Hilary Henkin, the script is savvy, smart and witty, and never fails to remind of you of that fact every

five minutes. So wrapped up in its own cunning, the movie repeats again and again the meaning of its clever little title. "Why does a dog wag its tail? Because the dog is smarter than its tail." Well, in this story the tail has the upperhand in the brain department, and you, the friendly viewer and part of America's gullible millions, are the dog. Honestly, how many more movies do we have to have about the big bad media and their helpless little prey, the American public?

Despite its own self-infatuation, the talky script works well with the actors' performance styles. Heche is forever nervous, DeNiro is forever contemplative and Hoffman is forever Hollywood.

Although most of the plot and all the best scenes are revealed in the previews, it is still a movie worth watching if you tired of all the so-dumb-it-has-to-be-funny movie fare that has been in cinemas as of late, but still haven't had your fill of presidential scandal.

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THIS WEEK IN ART

Saturday

Movie: The Game
7:30 and 10:30 p.m., Mateer Aud.
Cost is \$1.00

Sunday

Concert: Scot Symphonic Band.
2:30 p.m.; Nancy Ditmer, director; McGaw.

Classic Film: Roman Holiday
7:30 p.m. Mateer Aud.
The film is brought to you by SAB, free of charge.

Submissions to This Week in Art should be sent to box C-3187, Attention: Babcock or Licht, or call the Voice office at x2598.

First Years \$\$\$ Make Money \$\$\$

The deadline for submissions to Year One is Feb. 6. All submissions must be received by that date to be considered for publication in the journal. Remember, Year One will pay you if your work is included, and we accept photography, art, poetry, short fiction, and essays. Please include your name, box number, and extension on every submission. Drop work off at the Writing Center or send it in campus mail to Alle Parker c/o The Writing Center. Questions, call Alle at x2607 or 264-0292 or e-mail him at aparker@acs.wooster.edu. Submit now before you forget and it is too late!

John Taylor Arms takes over Ebert

AARON RUPERT

Two exhibitions of prints, one featuring the works of American printmaker John Taylor Arms (1887-1953) and the other of prints collected by Arms and then arranged for display by College of Wooster students, are currently on exhibit at the Ebert Art Center.

The exhibit began Jan. 16 and will continue until Feb. 27. The exhibit "John Taylor Arms: An American Printmaker Etched in Memory," is in the Sussell Gallery, and includes prints of subjects as varied as a New England mill to U.S. warships at dock. Originally an architect, he is most well known for his prints of European cathedrals and gargoyles. This exhibit displays some of his lesser known work, such as "The Red Mill, 1922," which is of a New England mill in Greenfield Hill, Conn. There are also prints made from his impressions of New York City, such as "Gates of the City, 1922," a color print of one of New York's many bridges. The bridge support wires cross the print, with the arches of the bridge in the background, giving the impression of a medieval gate instead of a modern metropolis. There are also prints of ocean-going ships: "Metis, making Harbor, 1923," a sailing ship, and "Battle Wagon, U.S.S. Alabama at Norfolk Navy Yard, Crane Ship Kearsarge Alongside, 1942," a WWII era ship. The exhibit also includes some European prints, cathedrals and a gargoyle.

The exhibit was organized by the Fairfield Historical Society in Fairfield, Conn. The Ohio Arts Council provided funding for the exhibition at Wooster. Fifty of Arms' works are on display.

The second exhibit in the Morgan Gallery is entitled, "French and British Etchings" 1850-1900: Prints



COURTESY OF EBERT ART
"Le Bateau-Atelier (The Studio on the Boat)," an 1861 Arms etching

from the John Taylor Arms Collection. Twelve students put it together in a Museum Seminar class, taught by Linda C. Hults, Wooster associate professor of art history. "Working with museum curator Kitty McManus Zurko," said Hults, "I developed a museum seminar course that has resulted in an exhibition and a catalogue of one of the major segments from Wooster's extensive John Taylor Arms collection of prints." According to Hults, these prints are part of an "etching revival, which emerged from an historical period that saw rapid industrialization and urbanization which shaped the market for prints."

"We were allowed to choose one of the 12 artists that were going to be in the exhibition," said Majorie Clayman '00. "Our job was to research the life of the artist and the history of the etching." After the research, Clayman says that the goal was to, "have enough knowledge about each other's artists to turn it

into a cohesive whole." In choosing the prints that would be exhibited, Clayman said that she tried to pick prints she liked, but since the history of each print was important to the exhibit, she said "basically, the deciding factor was how much information I had on them."

"This exhibition of prints collected by John Taylor Arms," said Hults, "created as a joint effort by students, faculty and museum staff, along with the concurrent exhibition of his own prints is a fitting way to celebrate our new facilities as well as the integration of our own curriculum with the museum program that these facilities now permit."

The dual exhibit is the second in a series of special exhibitions in Wooster's new museum facilities. The final presentation, "Hung Liu: A Survey 1988-1998," will be exhibited in the Sussell and Morgan galleries from March 27 to June 7.

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Wake up with WCWS

NATHANIEL BARR

It seems that instead of merely making public service announcements, your local radio station is going to be doing a public service of its own. This semester, WCWS (90.9 on you FM dial) has added morning shows to their lineup in an effort to get the campus up and out of bed.

The station, which used to begin broadcasting at 10 a.m. or noon depending on the day, is now going on the air with a lineup determined to help students start their days.

Every weekday at 7 a.m., listeners can tune in to hear Henrietta Menzies '98's morning show. Menzies takes her wake-up duties quite literally and offers to give personal wake-up calls to students during the show. There is a list up in Lowry near the mailroom on which students can sign their names to receive a call.

Menzies promises that the music she plays will help people wake up as well. She describes the show as, "urban music and anything I feel like. Some hip-hop, R&B, jazz, a little bit of reggae..."

For those getting up a bit later, WCWS will have something different in store. From 8 to 9 a.m. every weekday, listeners will be treated to "Rupe and the Gimmer's Morning Madness." Gregg Licht '98 and Aaron Rupert '98 will be serving up, "music that we hope will wake people up. Happy, upbeat stuff."

Licht and Rupert will also be calling people in the morning but not necessarily people on campus. Though the pair also offers wake-up calls, they have been known to call individuals as diverse as

Rupert's mom and telephone operators in Green Bay and Denver. Licht promises that they will soon be calling the airlines and haggling with them over ticket prices (it's funnier than it sounds), so if you need a cheap flight give them a call.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m., listeners can tune in to Sandy Kozera '98 and Emily Coleman '98. The two heard Licht and Rupert's show

one morning and, according to Coleman, said, "Hey, we could do that." And that's exactly what they did.

The name of their show is "The Lilith Hour." It

takes its name from Sarah McLachlan's touring music festival, "The Lilith Fair," and, like the tour, features music performed by women. Notes Coleman, "We play lots of Joan Baez." If that's not enough, the show runs a contest every Tuesday morning with Ramen noodles for a prize. As Kozera succinctly put it, "We play good music, so listen."

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m., Joy Bishop '01 will be handling the morning duties. Bishop started the show "so people will have something to listen to besides old, fat men laughing and talking" in the morning.

Her show doesn't use any gimmicks or come-ons to lure listeners. "I just play music," Bishop says. She describes the type of music she plays as, "the lighter side of techno" and says listeners will be impressed by the station's techno selection.

WCWS: doing its part to get us the heck up.

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Prejudice explored in play reading

The Men of Harambee and the Black Students Association will be producing a reading of "The Brownsville Raid" by Charles Fuller. The reading will take place in Lean Lecture Hall at 8 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 5. "The Brownsville Raid" is Fuller's first nationally produced play, originally produced by The Negro Ensemble Company in New York City in 1976. Fuller is also the author of "A Soldier's Play," which is best known due to the film "A Soldier's Story."

"The Brownsville Raid" is based upon the true story of 167 black soldiers who were blamed for the death of a civilian in Brownsville, Texas in 1906. The play was created to force its audiences to recognize aspects in themselves and the American heritage that are less than admirable. It is not being produced to encourage racial tensions, but rather to inspire audiences to come to terms with the nature of prejudice. "The Brownsville Raid" was created to help audiences to recognize the existence of prejudice and to then deal with it in a constructive and forthright way.

So join the Men of Harambee, Dr. Richard Figge of the German department, Dr. Robert Blair, Dr. Kwame Dixon, and Prof. Nick Young of the Political Science Department, Dr. Alphonse Jefferson from the History Department, Craig Grooms of Admissions, Maha McCain '99, Ian Lauer '00, Jamila Atkinson '98, Brandon Good '99, and others as they speak Charles Fuller's words and share a chapter of history.

"The Brownsville Raid" is presented as part of the Black Arts Festival. The Festival hopes to continue its growth and eventually present artistic projects not only from an African American perspective, but from other cultural voices as well. "The Brownsville Raid" reading is produced in celebration of Black History Month and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Steve Cagan graces the podium of The College of Wooster for one day only

International

"Perceptions of the Third World:
Challenges to the Photojournalist"
Thurs., Feb. 3, 4 p.m. Lowry 120

• Cagan's portfolio includes daily life of repatriated refugees in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Cuba.

• Sampling of his works on Cuba to be displayed on the Lowry Art Wall through Feb. 7.

• This is a rare opportunity to look at the exciting life of a man who has seen the highs and lows on a global scale.

Presentations

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Behold, it's the After Hours Cafe

Wooster's latest non-alcohol alternative grows in popularity



A few of the Wooster students who opted for an alternative to the usual college Wednesday nights.

PHOTO BY ERIC BAKKEN

EMILY COLEMAN

The After Hours Cafe, which debuted in December, has had an auspicious beginning. Ahna Catterin, an employee of Wayne County Alcohol Services and head of the Substance Abuse Committee at the College, created the Cafe as an alternative to abusing alcohol on Wednesday nights. Now, every Wednesday from 10 p.m. (sometimes 11) to 1 a.m., Catterin, with the help of three to four student volunteers, runs the Cafe in the College Underground, which fills with students looking for a social atmosphere to escape studying in the middle of the week while providing somewhere besides the library to work.

Member of the Substance Abuse Committee and After Hours Cafe volunteer Jennifer Koehler '01 stated that the Cafe has brought in 150 to 200 people every week and that student feedback has been very positive. "It's a good place, a place to hang out, a place to just be," she said. Koehler also noted that while she realizes that drinking parties are still going to happen, especially on the weekends, the Cafe was really needed to give students another option for entertainment during the week. Heather Schiede '01, another volunteer, enthusiastically stated that the Cafe is "a really good idea." She likes working there and has been impressed by the number of people who have come each week.

Students who have visited the

Cafe on Wednesday nights seem equally pleased. Rorie Harris '99, a Cafe regular, said, "It's fun." Betsy Nettelbeck '98, who has only visited the Cafe a couple of times, described it as a "cross between a club and a coffee shop." She also commented that "it's a good way to

that they are not "all about drinking," a common misconception he feels people have of Greek life.

The guidelines for co-sponsoring the Cafe are as follows: the organization must contact Ahna Catterin at x2039 to choose a date; the approximate cost is between \$100 and \$150, but the Substance Abuse Committee will agree on a cost with the organization that will host the Cafe; and, at least 10 days before the date of the Cafe, the organization must contact Catterin again to arrange the details of their responsibilities, which will include providing at least four volunteers to help run the Cafe, purchasing some of the basic supplies, such as coffee, creamers, sweeteners and hot chocolate, and helping to set up the Cafe an hour before it opens.

mingle or to do homework, and it's great that something like this finally started up." Students like the low lighting, music, and range of snacks, including coffee, tea, cocoa, bagels and various spreads, available at the low price of \$.50. Tablecloths covered with paper and crayons to draw on them are also a selling point.

Since the grant money that the Substance Abuse Committee uses to operate the Cafe is a finite amount, the Committee has been looking into ways of earning money to help cover future costs. One way is for campus organizations to host the Cafe. An organization that is interested in doing so is the Deltas. Ryan Niemeyer '98, a member of the Deltas, has talked to other members about hosting the Cafe and stated that "we are definitely going to co-sponsor some time this semester." He thinks that hosting the Cafe may provide Greek organizations with the opportunity to demonstrate to the campus community

Koehler also noted that while she realizes that drinking parties are still going to happen, especially on the weekends, the Cafe was really needed to give students another option for entertainment during the week.

Show me the money!

College applies for The Choices Grant to help fight substance abuse

MATTHEW BARBEE

The College is in the process of applying for a grant from the National Collegiate Athletic Association that would

and universities in the United States have a problem with alcohol. This program and grant provides monetary help in curbing that. By applying for this grant

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be used to fund training of athletes to be substance abuse mentors for other students. It is called The Choices Grant. If obtained it would be one of three grants The College has recently obtained to curb substance abuse.

The College recently received a \$25,000 grant from the state of Ohio, that brought prevention specialist Ahna Catterin to campus, and a \$500 grant from the NCAA to bring sports science speaker Mike Green to campus. Green will be here from Feb. 8 — 10. He will be

giving presentations on alcoholism, among many topics, to athletes and the general student body. It is through this grant and the Internet that the college learned of The Choices Grant.

The Choices Grant, according to Director of Residential Life Dwayne Davis, can be as large as \$35,000, though the college will be applying for an as yet undetermined lower amount. The money is then used to teach athletes how to mentor their fellow students on substance abuse.

The program, while focusing on athletes, is aimed at all students. Davis said, "All colleges

ing a comment on athletes or Wooster students."

The College will not know for some time if it will get the grant. Catterin said, "The proposal deadline is Feb. 13, so we are in the process of writing that. The award date is May 4, and we will not know the status of our request until then." She continued to say that due to paperwork the pro-

gram would not start until the tail end of summer. It would then carry over into fall semester.

A program such as this is very important

and should be very successful. Dana Sommers '99, a member of SADD and the Substance Abuse Committee, said, "The main target is binge drinking. I've seen too many friends get involved in it and have bad results." It is abuse, not use, that is being targeted. She added, "It is important to employ athletes in this program because they have a big pull in community."

If the College obtains the grant, positive results should be visible. Until its inception it is important to remember, as Sommers said, "The message is not 'don't drink' but 'drink responsibly.'"

Davis said, "All colleges and universities in the United States have a problem with alcohol. This program and grant provides help in curbing that. By applying for this grant the college is not making a comment on athletes or Wooster students."

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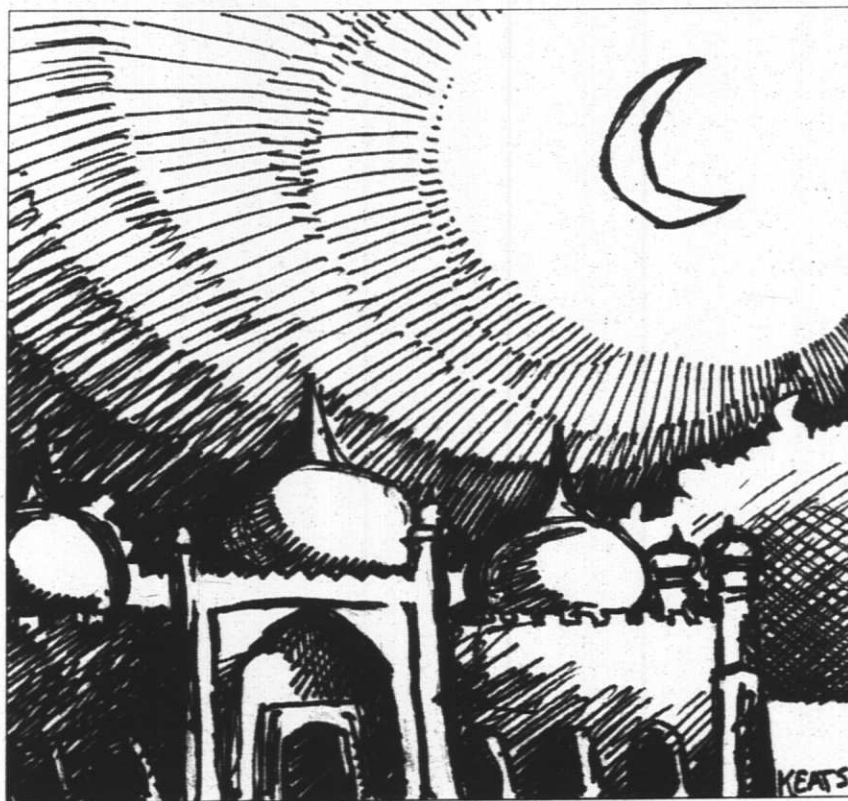
Exploring the Wooster tradition of *Eid-al-Fitr* and fasting

BILAL ZUBERI

One could have easily noticed the many Muslim and non-Muslim fasting students gathered at Mom's Truck Stop to receive their special meal plan privileges. As the month of January ends, so does the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Muslims will not be fasting anymore (at least not regularly), and the end of the month will be marked by Eid, a religious festival celebrated by Muslims all over the Islamic world.

Eid-al-fitr (complete name for the festival) is one of the two holiest festivals in the Muslim calendar. It is celebrated throughout the Muslim world on the first day of the month Shawwal, the month right after Ramadan. Noted Islamic author Bukhari quoted the Prophet Mohammad, who highlighted the importance of this celebration, by saying, "For every people there is a feast, and this is our feast."

On this day Muslims wear their best clothes and begin the day with congregational prayers. These prayers remind Muslims to refrain from indulging in the forms of sin which people tend to commit when they are in a state of rejoicing. The rest of the day is a festival for families to get together, enjoy the lavish delicacies and rejoice in each other's



company. "Mithai," a traditional sweet made from lots of sugar, lots of butter and oodles of milk, is an integral part of the Eid festivities and is offered to all who visit the house that day. Several Wooster Muslim students commented that if there was one thing they all agreed

they would miss about home, it was the myriads of sweet-dishes prepared especially for this occasion.

For the students celebrating Eid in Wooster, it is not going to be the same as their experiences in their respective countries. Eid is a holiday all over the Islamic world, but

most Muslim students at Wooster will find themselves sitting in classrooms and doing their academic work. Homework tensions and I.S. stress will continue to haunt them for most of the day. Most students acknowledged that they will miss their homes a lot on Eid. For example, Zeeshan Ahmed '00 noted, "I will definitely miss the family gatherings, Eidees [the monetary gifts that children receive from elders], shopping for new clothes and decorating the house with my sisters and parents."

Mohammad Warraich '00 echoed Zeeshan's thoughts about missing being home with his family on Eid. "Typically, the entire family, all cousins and other relatives would come together for a big feast. Eidees would be distributed and I used to really look forward to that." To Rahim Bhayani '01, "it hardly feels like Eid! This is due to the fact that there has been no build-up towards Eid, where as back home, the build up and the hype surrounding Eid would be comparable to the hype surrounding the Super Bowl or Wrestlemania. If I were back home, studies would be flung away in the furthestmost corner of my mind and the euphoria of Eid would take over."

Not just Muslims, but some non-

Muslims also remember their past experiences on the Eid day. Kim Sigaloff '01 will be celebrating Eid herself for the first time, but she remembers "the many Muslim immigrants in Netherland and some of my Moroccan and Turkish friends used to bring sweets for my family on this day." Aradhna Singh '00 longs for "the Biryani (spicy rice) that her grand-father's Muslim friend used to cook for their families on Eid."

The good news for Wooster students is that on-campus celebrations have been planned by some student groups. To start off the day religiously, "Noor," the Muslim Students Association, is planning a trip to a nearby mosque for the morning congregational prayers.

On Friday Jan. 30, the Babcock International Dorm has planned an "Eid Feast" in the Babcock Dining Room. All Muslims and interested non-Muslims are welcome to attend. There will be tons of food and lots to talk about. Wear your finest clothes and join all those celebrating on this day. Lowry Dining Services is not going to make a special meal on Eid — at least not in the immediate future — so you might as well enjoy what the students can cook for you. Eid Mubarak to all Wooster students.

The Kate and Hesson gang: good things in small houses

DAN SHORTRIDGE

Like many of my fellow first-years, I eagerly anticipated getting my room and roommate assignments this summer. I was very much looking forward to heading off to Wooster.

But I was not quite prepared for the letter I received from the Housing Department informing me that I had been

assigned Room 101 of Hesson House. Hesson House?

What the heck was that?

I was familiar with Wooster's small house program, of course, but had not been aware that it was open to first-years, especially first-years who hadn't even applied for it.

And so I found myself in the same situation as about 20 other first-year

students this year. Hesson and Kate Houses, located past Kitt on the north end of Beall, hold first-year males and females, respectively, who applied for a chemical-free living environment.

Chris Brubaker of Hesson described the housing arrangement in one word: "community." Others echoed that sentiment.

"It's like a little sorority," said

Ateesha Mohamed of Kate. "You feel like you have friends, not acquaintances."

You feel like you have sisters," Naomi Kresge added.

"I just can't imagine living in a dorm ... this is home now," said Joe Jaquette. "I think it's great."

But it wasn't always like this for several people. For Malinda VanArsdale of Kate House, her assignment to a small house was greeted with trepidation. "I was scared to death," she said. "I had no clue what it was. ... I love being here now."

Doug Huston of Hesson was "kind of upset" when he found out that he was living in a house. "I wanted to live in a dorm because I wanted to get to know a lot of people," he said. "But when I moved in, the friendships that I've formed here are a lot closer than the ones I've seen that have been formed in dorms."

The small house environment is

"really cool. I like it a lot," said Shaun Fontaine. "It lends itself to better study habits. It's a lot easier to study here than in a dorm," he added, while playing a Nintendo 64 video game."

The living environment is also more casual and informal, say the house dwellers. "It's like everyone lives in one big space," said Kresge. Mohamed said, "It's like having twelve roommates."

"I have learned a lot more here," VanArsdale said. She said that the women of Kate House taught each other German, French and kung-fu.

Both houses devised elaborate holiday decorations, and Kate is known for the extensive poster collection covering its upstairs walls.

How lasting are these friendships? "We all want to live together next year," said Kresge.

It looks as if this was one housing assignment which has worked out perfectly.



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Scot Sports Wrapup

SCOT BASKETBALL

WOOSTER 62
OHIO WESLEYAN 47

• Wooster improved to 9-0 in the NCAC and 14-3 overall with a victory over the Battling Bishops on Saturday evening at Timken Gymnasium. Wooster is now ranked third in the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Region poll behind Hope, Michigan and Ohio Northern.

SCOT AND LADY SCOT SWIMMING AND DIVING

• The Scot and Lady Scot swimmers and divers lost to Denison over the weekend, but rebounded to defeat Ohio Wesleyan the next day. Denison, the nation's second ranked team, defeated the Scots and Lady Scots by scores of 154-76 and 149-92. Wooster closes out their dual meet season this weekend as they travel to John Carroll this Saturday.

LADY SCOT BASKETBALL

OHIO WESLEYAN 75
WOOSTER 63

• The Lady Scots dropped to 4-5 in the NCAC and 8-9 overall with this setback on Saturday afternoon versus the Battling Bishops. Wooster hopes to rebound with two NCAC matches this weekend with Denison at home on Friday and a road game at Oberlin the following evening.

INDOOR TRACK

• The Scots and Lady Scots warmed up for the indoor track season with a non-scoring meet at Ohio Wesleyan last Friday. Strong performances were turned in by many of the Fighting Scots and Lady Scots, who will both travel to Denison on Saturday night for the NCAC Relays, their first scoring meet of the season.

Swimmers qualify

RYAN CLARK

Currently, many Wooster swimmers have qualified for nationals. Wes Bennett '01 has already qualified in the 50 and 100 free. Ben Chalot '98 has qualified for the 200 free, while Dan Parker '98 has qualified for both the 100 and 200 fly. The Scot relay team of Parker, Bennett, Chalot, and Steve Bayuk '00 has qualified in the 200 free relay and 400 free relay.

For the Lady Scot swimmers, Leah Becki '01 has qualified in the 200 IM, as well as the 400 IM and

the 200 fly. Michelle Cady '01 has qualified in the 100 back and Ellen Hunter '99 has qualified in the 100 breaststroke.

The Lady Scots have also had four relay teams qualify for nationals. In the 200 meter relay, the team of Cady, Hunter, Jacque Gray '00, and Laura Dunn '99 has qualified. The same four have qualified for the 400 meter relay. Cady, Gray, Dunn, and Raina Stricklan '01 have qualified in the 200 free relay and Becki, Dunn, Stricklan, and Jamie Pullin '01 have qualified for the 800 Free Relay.

Swimmers split week's matches

MONICA BRYM

The College of Wooster's swim teams completed a challenging weekend by splitting with a pair of tough North Coast Athletic Conference rivals.

On Friday, the Scots and Lady Scots took on Denison, the nation's second-ranked team, and came up short against the Big Red. Wooster's men lost 154-76, while Wooster's women fell 149-92.

On Saturday, in the final home meet of the season and the final home appearance for seven seniors, Wooster posted decisive victories against Ohio Wesleyan. The Lady Scots won 147-85, while the Scots posted a 138-86 victory.

"We were very pleased with the outcome of the weekend," said Wooster head coach Keith Beckett. "It was a decisive victory against Ohio Wesleyan on Saturday, and against Denison we feel that there were several areas where we won some critical points that might not be expected against the second-ranked team in Division III."

Individually for the Scots on Friday, one of the most extraordinary swims came from Ben Chalot '98, who won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:47.09. Another outstanding victory came from Vince Dalchuk '98, who won the 100 backstroke with a time of 56.43. In addition, the 200 freestyle relay with Dan Parker '98 and Chalot, Steve Bayuk '00 and Wes Bennett '01 placed first with a time of 1:27.33, setting a new pool record in the process. Also, Parker had another outstanding swim in the 100 butterfly, taking second with a time of 53.48.

The Lady Scots had an equal number of excellent races, including victories from Leah Becki '00 in the 200 individual medley (2:14.21) and Ellen Hunter '99 in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.91). Further outstanding swims came from Laura Dunn '99, who placed second in both the 200 freestyle (1:57.83) and the 100 freestyle (54.69).

Bayuk, who combined to take first with a time of 3:15.55.

For the Lady Scots, a one-two-three sweep came in the 100 freestyle by Michelle Cady '01 (56.28), Jacque Gray '00 (56.47) and Jamie Pullin '01 (56.51). There were also one-two sweeps in the 200 butterfly by Carolyn Firchak '00 (2:16.57) and Monica Brym '98 (2:26.59); the 200 backstroke by Dunn with a new pool record time of 2:15.06 and Becki (2:16.78); and the 400 freestyle relays of Cady, Raina Stricklan '01, Pullin and Hunter (3:49.95), and Becki, Gray, Dunn and Abbi Sanford '01 (3:50.81).

Further victories were turned in by the 400 medley relay of Hunter, Gray, Cady and Stricklan (4:11.89); Becki in the 200 freestyle

(2:00.50), and Natalie Goss '01 on both the 1-meter (207.75) and 3-meter boards (217.85).

The Scots, who are now 5-2, and Lady Scots, who are 6-1, will travel to University Heights next Saturday to conclude the dual-meet season against Ohio Athletic Conference powerhouse John Carroll.



PHOTO BY ERIC BAKKEN

Wooster lost their meet with Denison on Friday.

"Last year, we left Denison's pool with no real accomplishments from the meet," said Beckett. "This year, we have a whole list of things that we feel really good about."

Against Ohio Wesleyan, one of the most exciting swims came again from Chalot, who won the 200 freestyle (1:46.92) by four one-hundredths of a second. In addition, a come-from-behind victory by Parker in the 200 individual medley (2:03.78), and a close win by Scott Cameron '01 in the 200 breaststroke (2:29.60) brought the fans to their feet.

Further victories came with one-two sweeps in the 50 freestyle by Bennett (21.63) and Bayuk (22.68), and in the 100 freestyle by Chalot (48.56) and Bennett (48.78). In the 200 backstroke, Dalchuk took first with a time of 2:04.70, while Rob Harrington '99 won the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:08.29. Wrapping up the festivities was the 400 freestyle relay of Bennett, Chalot, Parker and

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SANDRA KOZERA

I'm no buffed-out in-shape athletic person, but I do like to work out occasionally. I make use of the facilities here at the College: treadmills, weights and whatnot. I took Personal Conditioning. I am not on the cross-country team and I own an aqua jogger. These are my credentials; I am an Occasional Sports-woman.

On Sunday, I decided to partake in the open swim hours and use my aforementioned aqua jogger for some low-impact cardiovascular working out. A few of my Occasional Sportswoman friends and I took off for the pool, where we were greeted by a few swim team members giving lessons, some lap swimmers, a couple cross country team members using their own aqua joggers, the entire women's lacrosse team treading water, five pairs of red shoes and two llamas juggling bowl-

ing balls. Clearly, there was just too much going on in the pool on Sunday.

My thoughts traveled back to last Wednesday, a quite cold day in which I required aerobic exercise in less than one hour. My first stop was Kenarden, where I found two students using the facilities still in good repair. That's fine: I can go for a jog outside. I went back to put on my sweatshirt, in the process realizing it was, in fact, butt-cold and if I jogged outside I would probably die. Off to the weight room, where I discovered approximately six thousand people. Most of them were in a class, while the rest were either Full-Blown Sportspeople or Occasional Sportspeople such as myself. Again, lots going on.

I talked to a friend of mine about this situation. My friend is Full-Blown Sportswoman, and certainly spends more time in the PEC than I do. She assured me that it's not just

my bad luck or bad timing; overuse of PEC facilities is a problem, particularly in the winter months when it's all cold and nasty outside. Saying that people who are on athletic teams should get priority on athletic equipment is, to me, like saying that good writers get dibs on Writing Center appointments. At the same time, members of athletic teams need access to these facilities, and slugs like me shouldn't be the cause of athletes missing out on the use of these facilities.

What is to be done? People I have talked to have suggested a field house, increased hours in the PEC, or updated facilities. Either of these would be a good idea. Any improvement would be a good idea. My Occasional Sportswoman friends and I are only so successful at dodging the juggling llamas.

Sandra Kozera is the Managing Editor of The Wooster Voice.

Indoor track team gets it going

Wooster opens up the season with non-scoring OWU meet

NEWS SERVICES
LUKE LINDBERG

The College of Wooster indoor track season is underway after a non-scoring meet last Friday at Ohio Wesleyan. Their season will officially open this Saturday as they travel to Granville to compete in the North Coast Athletic Conference relay meet at Denison. And although the meet on Friday night was not a scoring one, it served as a good warm-up for the season to come.

The Lady Scots had some individuals place very strongly on Friday night. Mia Rapier '00 placed second in the 500-meter run with an impressive early season time of 1:27. Fellow sophomore Niccole Cook '00 also placed well in the event, taking sixth place in the race with a time of 1:30. Rapier is from Seattle, Washington and Cook is from Cleveland suburb Brooklyn Heights.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Krystal

Mohn '99 took fifth place in 9.95 seconds. Michelle Neary '01, of Manchester Connecticut, placed eighth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 8.39 seconds.

The Lady Scot shot-putters were also impressive, as Wooster placed three athletes among the top finishers at fifth, sixth, and eleventh place. Deidra Reid '99 threw 37-9, Tracy Wilkes '99 threw 36-11, and Kate Walker '01 had a toss of 28-4.

The Scots were equally impressive in several events. The 800-meter relay squad of Chris Powers '01, Damian Dollard '98, Scott Walker '98, and Tim Sir Louis '00 edged Ohio Wesleyan to win the event with an impressive time of 1:36.66.

The Scot cross country team was also successful in the 1000-meter race, with Brendan McCabe '99 finishing second, Jacob Johnson '01 taking third, and Scott Greenway '00 registering a fourth place finish.

Dollard also finished second in the

55-meter hurdles and Sir Louis took second in the 55-meter dash. Jeff Pattison '99 was second in the pole vault, Shane Bartholemew '00 was fourth, Nick Hill '01 was fifth, and Jody Price '00 was sixth in the shot put.

This weekend, the Scots and Lady Scots head off to their first scoring meet of the season, where they will see the best that the rest of the NCAC has to offer. After a month and a half indoors, the Wooster track teams will head outside as they undertake yet another season of outdoor track. Go Scots!

The College of Wooster

Indoor Track Schedule 1998

Jan. 31 NCAC Relays
Away

Feb. 6 Oberlin
Away

Feb. 13 Kenyon Away

Feb. 20 Ohio Northern
Away

Mar. 6-7 NCAC Championship

Mar. 13-14 NCAC Championship

Outdoor Track season will begin on March 13-14 as the Fighting Scots and Lady Scots will travel to compete in the Florida State Open over the Spring Break. Outdoor track season will continue through the NCAA Championships on May 19-23.

National Sports News

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

• Both the Cleveland Indians and the New York Yankees are apparently in the running in the Chuck Knobloch sweepstakes, as the small market Minnesota Twins are trying to meet Knobloch's demands for a trade. The rumor is that the trade will be made by the end of the week, with the asking price for the Indians being Chad Ogea, Brian Giles, Enrique Wilson and Russell Branyan. Prospects Sean Casey, Richie Sexson, and pitcher Charles Nagy have been discussed as well. The Yankees are supposedly offering centerfielder Bernie Williams.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

• Toronto Raptors point guard Damon Stoudamire is reportedly being shopped around, as the team is trying to unload his large salary. The Knicks and Lakers are the top two teams in the running, with Nick Van Exel and Eddie Jones apparently on the trading block. The Knicks have offered Chris Mills and Charlie Ward in what appears will be a blockbuster deal.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

• John Elway finally got his Super Bowl championship ring as the Denver Broncos beat a 12 point spread and the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII by the score of 31-24. Terrell Davis scored three touchdowns and rushed for 157 yards in being unanimously named the MVP of the game. Denver's win ended 13 years of dominance by the NFC in the NFL Championship game, as the Broncos became the first AFC team since the 1984 LA Raiders to capture the title.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

• Pittsburgh Penguins star Jaromir Jagr agreed yesterday to the richest deal in the NHL, a four year agreement that is worth \$38 million. The total value of Jagr's deal, including the two years he had left on his existing contract, is now \$48 million.

COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL

• Duke remained the #1 team in the polls this past week, as North Carolina kept the pressure on at #2. Xavier, after starting the year off in the national top ten, rejoined the polls at #24.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

• Pete Sampras joined Andre Agassi as another high seeded American to lose in the opening rounds at the Australian Open. Sampras lost 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (7-5), 6-3 to Karol Kucera. Kucera had never beat anyone in 10 previous Grand Slam tournaments and had never been past the third round in any of the six others he played.

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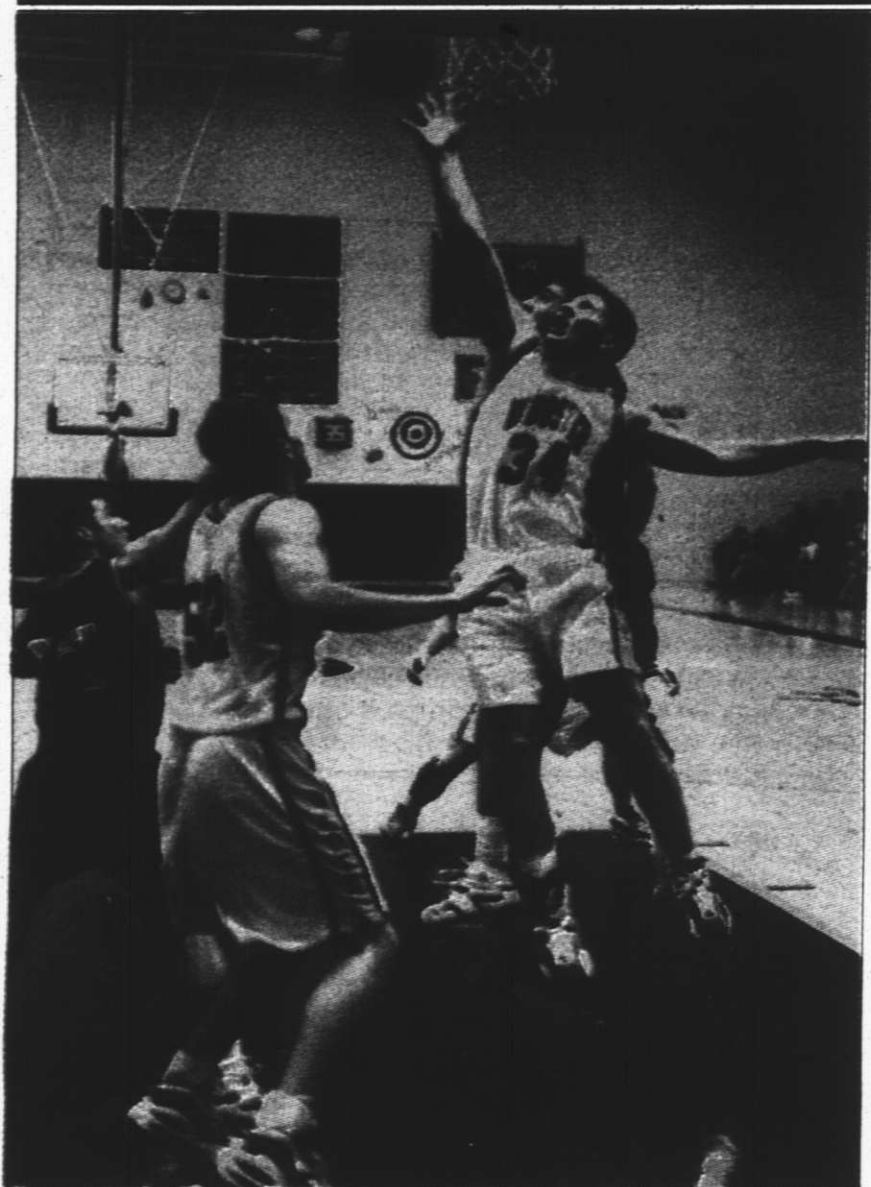


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Matt Sprang '98 goes up high for a rebound in Saturday's victory over OWU.

Scots smoke out Ohio Wesleyan

Men's hoops beginning to show up on national rankings

JAMES ALLARDICE

Balance. It is something that men's head basketball coach Steve Moore stresses, and it is balance—on offense and defense—that has allowed the Scots to jump out to a 9-0 record in the NCAC.

It is the balanced scoring, the balanced inside-outside game and the balance between offense and defense that has the Scots eyeing their first regular season NCAC championship since 1994-95.

On Friday night the Scots will travel to Granville to play Denison and will have to bounce back on Saturday to play Oberlin at home.

If the Scots are able to beat both teams they will remain undefeated in the NCAC and hold a two-game lead coming down the home stretch of the schedule. The Scots currently stand at 14-3 overall.

Last Saturday, the Scots defeated Ohio Wesleyan 62-47, in a defensive struggle. The Scots opened up quickly, scoring the first 11 points of the game. Halfway through the first half, the Scots were up 22-3, and it appeared they would never look back. At the half the Scots were leading 31-16.

But the second half was much different. Through the first 11 minutes of the second half, the Scots scored

four points, which allowed the Battling Bishops to close within ten points. Down the stretch, Wooster was able to pull away by hitting crucial free throws.

Guard Nate Gaubatz '01 had a career game, scoring 13 points in just 23 minutes. Chris Gardner '99 continued to put up big numbers while starting for the injured Rick Hochstetler '99, scoring a team-high 15 points. The strong guard play was balanced by the solid inside play of center Ryan Gorman '99. Gorman scored nine points, pulled down 11 rebounds and had four steals.

Denison is 10-6 overall, 4-4 in the conference and is coming off a win against Earlham.

"Denison is a very talented basketball team," Moore said. "They are a difficult team to defend because they have some great athletes."

Oberlin has not been as solid this season, only able to squeak out two wins in 16 games. The Yeoman rest at the bottom of the NCAC standings, but for Moore, Oberlin presents the opportunity for an upset.

After a shaky start to the season, the Scots appear to be at the top of their game. They have rattled off seven straight wins and 13 of their last 14 games and are currently ranked third in the Great Lakes region

in the Jan. 27 NCAA regional poll. In the most recent Columbus Multimedia poll released on Monday, the Scots are ranked twentieth nationally.

Wooster continues to be led by Gorman and forward John Ellenwood '00. Gorman is averaging 12.8 points, 9.2 rebounds and 3.3 assists per game, all team highs. He also leads the NCAC in rebounding and blocked shots and surpassed Rowell Fernandez '97 as the all-time steals leader with 137.

Ellenwood is just behind Gorman, averaging 12.6 points and 7.5 rebounds per contest. The Scots strong inside game has been complimented by solid outside shooting. In the absence of injured Hochstetler, Gardner has averaged 9.4 points and Brian Watkins '00 has averaged 8.1 points.

Prior to a sprained ankle, Hochstetler was averaging 12 points. Sharing time at point guard Pat Noles '01 and Gaubatz average 5.9 points and 5.2 points respectively.

After this weekend, the Scots will host Case Western Reserve at home on Wednesday. Following that game, the Scots will welcome Wittenberg to Timken Gymnasium in a big conference rivalry, that could very well decide the regular season championship.

Lady Scots drop tough road game to Battling Bishops

Wooster loses week-end match-up with Ohio Wesleyan, looks forward to next week's NCAC games

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The women's basketball team had a slow week as they played only one game. The Lady Scots faced Ohio Wesleyan in that match-up. They were unable to win on the road this Saturday, dropping a 75-63 defeat to the Lady Bishops. The loss dropped the Lady Scots to 8-9 overall and 4-5 in the NCAC.

Wooster has two big matches this weekend, and two wins could pull the Lady Scots out of sixth place in the NCAC. Friday night, Wooster will host Denison in a 7:30 p.m. start and will travel to Oberlin the next night to face off against the Yeowomen.

The Ohio Wesleyan-Wooster match-up last Saturday looked like

it was going to be a good one with Wooster and the Battling Bishops both sitting in about the same boat in the NCAC. In fact, it was competitive until Wesleyan turned up the heat in the second half and put the game away.

Wooster was looking forward to the match-up for a number of reasons. A victory would have improved their record in the NCAC to 5-4, going into an off week, with no games until the next Friday. They were also excited because Morgan Ramsdell '01 was returning to the line-up after missing the last few games because of a knee injury.

The stage was set for what would be an interesting game. The Lady Scots came out of the blocks pretty

tough, showing the Bishops that this would be no cake-walk. Wesleyan answered back on a number of occasions, however, showing the Lady Scots that they were not just going to walk away with a victory.

The Lady Scots shot 48 percent in the first half, eight percent above their seasonal average. They did, however, go only nine of 17 from the free throw line in the first period, and despite drawing a number of Bishop fouls, they were unable to convert from the stripe.

At the half, the Lady Scots would lead by a score of 36-29.

Although the Lady Scots took a seven point lead into the locker room at half-time, they were unable to hold onto the lead in the second half, as Ohio Wesleyan

outscored them 46-27 to cruise to a 75-63 win.

Katie Montague '99 ended up leading the Lady Scots in scoring with 12 points, along with Ramsdell, who also had 12. Montague also grabbed five boards and continues to lead the league in scoring at 21.6 points per contest. Ramsdell, despite missing a number of games, is sixth in the NCAC in field goal percentage at .488 percent.

Also for the Lady Scots, Aleashia Washington '00 had ten points, Jocelyn Horn '01 had eight, and Suzanne Roberts '99 threw in seven.

Heather Dales '98 had six points and ten rebounds, both offensively and defensively. Dales leads the NCAC in blocks at 2.5 rejections per

game and is sixth in the league in rebounding at 7.3 boards per game.

Friday night the Lady Scots face off against Denison, and will be looking to avenge their 66-30 Jan. 7 loss to the Big Red. Wooster will then turn around to face Oberlin, a team they mauled in a 64-47 win back on Dec. 3.

In the following weeks, the Scots will close out the season with some key NCAC match-ups. After this weekend, Wooster has to contend with some tough conference foes. On Feb. 4, the Lady Scots will tackle Case Reserve, a team they have beat at home this season. The re-match with Wittenberg will be on Feb. 7, and the Tigers will be looking for revenge after Wooster won the first season match-up.

Wooster's Week in Sports

Men's Basketball

Fri. Denison (A) 7:30 p.m.
Sat. Oberlin (H) 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Case Reserve (H) 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Fri. Denison (H) 7:30 p.m.
Sat. Oberlin (A) 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Case Reserve (A) 7:30 p.m.

GO SCOTS!

Swimming and Diving

Sat. John Carroll (A) 1 p.m.

Indoor Track

Sat. NCAC Relays @ Denison